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# KOSMINA: 'NO EASY TASK'

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AUSTRALIAN skipper John Kosmina says that the Socceroo "A" team are in the right frame of mind to tackle Iraklis in Sydney tomorrow (Wed) and in Adelaide on Friday.

"The Greeks are obviously not as polished as Juventus but they have a strong capability and no professional side is ever easy to handle," he said.

Kosmina is delighted that his team has been able to play against such a diverse group of European clubs — Italian, Greek, English and Scottish.

"That win over Juventus on Saturday was magic, especially as we demoralised them in the first half," Kosmina said.

"The Italians are not as direct as the British. They build everything from the back and are hard to dispossess because they always have the numbers behind the ball.

"They are the opposite to Glasgow Rangers, who favour the long ball into the box".

Kosmina has no doubt that Australia would still have won on Saturday had Juventus' ace Zbigniew Boniek been fit.

He said: "It would only have given us a bit more to think about!"

Kosmina himself has played a captain's role by defending and then spraying the ball around to send his men forward.

He is a great believer in Frank Farina, who only needs some experience and the right service to settle further.

But if Alan Davidson ends up with Arsenal, Kosmina believes understandably that a successor of his calibre does not grow on trees.



Australia's danger man Marshall Soper bursts through the Juventus defence, including Bonini (right) and Scirea (6)



JOHN KOSMINA

## EDITORIAL

THERE has been plenty of discussion about the standard of football from the various teams in the World Soccer Series.

There has not been much talk at all about the standard of refereeing. A few words are overdue.

Fortunately most of the games have been controlled reasonably by the match officials; yet a few matches stick out like a sore thumb and even the kindest critic would be pushed to say "well done, ref!"

One match, in particular, was a shocker. We saw a goalkeeper deliberately throw a punch at an Australian player and he was allowed to get away with it.

Surely the Laws of the Game decree that instant dismissal should be the automatic punishment for throwing punches.

In the same game, another punch was thrown by a visiting player. He, too, was allowed to stay on the pitch.

This is simply not good enough. No referee, whether in a European Cup tie or a friendly exhibition, has the right to ignore the rules.

It is all very well to say the dismissal of players would spoil the match for the spectators. So what. That's the sort of talk we expect in Rugby League but certainly not in Soccer.

Why do visiting stars deliberately break the rules when they play in this country?

Could it be that they treat Australians as hillbilly players and bracket our referees and spectators the same way and, with that feeling prevailing, believe they can get away with actions they would not dare perpetrate in their home country?

If other words, do these glamour players look down on us?

Consider the strange incidents in the Brisbane match between Australia "B" and Iraklis.

Referee Kibbler showed the red card to an Iraklis player. Then the Iraklis coach called his whole team off the field - although he claimed later he only wanted a chat with them to let things cool off.

The situation was resolved in the most unprofessional way by withdrawing the red card and substituting it with a yellow. The offending player was still taken off but a replacement was allowed on.

Here again, the Laws of the Game were fractured, smashed, shattered.

The Australian Soccer Federation will have to do something about refereeing standards if it is to remain in the business of promoting these international matches.

And the very first step should be to call on help from the one man in this country who knows what it is all about... Tony Boskovic.

Bosko should be made virtually a dictator, with the power to select the ideal referees for each match and to get them together for thorough talks about what is required of them.

But Boskovic appears to be playing no part in the current World Soccer Series. What a waste of talent.

He has the experience, the knowledge and the time to sort out the refereeing problems bedeviling some matches in this series.

With his enormous experience of Soccer all over the world, Bosko also has — or should have — the respect of every referee in Australia.

Come to think of it, there is no reason why the still-fit Boskovic should not be out there in the middle with his whistle.

At least, when he controlled big international matches in this country the players knew who was boss — and knew they could not deliberately ignore the Laws of the Game.

Maybe the little man retired too soon!

# HISTORIC DAY

BY ANDY PASCHALIDIS

AUSTRALIA recorded their greatest win in the World Soccer Series defeating highly fancied Italian champions Juventus 2-0 before a poor crowd of 14,004 at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

The Socceroos gained sweet revenge after Juventus had beaten them 4-2 in Adelaide and drawn 1-all in Melbourne.

Many people will say that Juventus fielded an understrength team. Sure they were without Boniek, Gentile, Platini and Tacconi but credit should be directed to the Socceroos.

Australia thoroughly deserved to win this game. They displayed a positive attitude

pushing forward and their defensive commitment was flawless.

Coach Frank Arok, who has only lost twice in 10 games since becoming the Socceroos supremo, was obviously pleased to defeat such a world-renowned club.

"The boys never stopped running and creating," he said.

"Their forward build-ups are coming more regularly now. Australia are in the good position of having four or five top-class strikers.

"Before we used to have one or two," Arok concluded.

One of those strikers, Marshall Soper, was in the thick of the action from the outset.

During the opening stages Soper was closely tagged and fouled on a couple of occasions.

In fact, Antonio Cabrini earned a yellow card for striking Soper in the 33rd minute after the exciting striker had put Australia ahead three minutes earlier.

In the 42nd minute, Juventus were reduced to 10 men after Cabrini was sent from the field in retaliation to a Soper challenge on

team-mate Marco Tardelli.

After the game Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni agreed with referee Richard Lorenc's decision to send off Cabrini.

"There was no excuse for that. Cabrini should not have retaliated."

Australia totally dominated the second half. They created enough chances to reach double figures but were denied by goalkeeper Luciano Bodini and the woodwork on three occasions.

In the 61st minute a deceiving cross from Joe Watson caught the Juventus goalie off guard but struck the top of

the crossbar and bounced clear of danger.

Nineteen minutes

later Australia scored their much deserved second goal.

A curling free-kick by captain John Kosmina was tipped against the crossbar by Bodini. The resultant corner by Joe Watson was flicked across the goal from the near post by David Ratcliffe and defender Steve O'Connor confidently nodded the ball into goal.

Frank Farina, who had replaced Soper in the 42nd minute, shattered Juventus with his speed, creating five clear cut chances.

His best chance came with three minutes

LEFT: Steve O'Connor attracts the attention of two Juventus players.

RIGHT: Marshall Soper shoots past Antonio Cabrini.

FAR RIGHT: Juventus' Koetting and Australia's O'Connor race for the ball.

PHOTOS BY DAVID JELLINGS



Soper shows his wounds after the SCG match

## SYDNEY OLYMPIC SOCCER FC

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## ΣΥΓΧΑΡΗΤΗΡΙΑ ΣΤΟΝ ΗΡΑΚΛΗ

Η Διοίκηση, οι Ποδοσφαιριστές και οι Οπαδοί του Σύνδευ Ολύμπικ, απευθύνουν θερμά συγχαρητήρια στον Ηρακλή, για τις θαυμάσιες εμφανίσεις στην Αυστραλία.



# FOR AUSSIES

remaining. Defender Graham Jennings put John Kosmina through on the left and his deft chip into the centre of the goalmouth was headed against the post by Farina.

Trapattoni was very impressed with the performance from the Australian side.

"They deserved to win. They came on the field with more heart and badly wanted to win," he said.

"Playing without Boniek, Platini and Gentile is no excuse. Mentally you must be independent of excuses. The younger players must develop."

"The Australian team can play better but have to continually play against European opposition."

AUSTRALIA: Greedy, Davidson, Jennings, Yankos, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Watson (Raskopoulos 85), Murphy, Kosmina, Soper (Farina 42), Mitchell (Cant 77).

JUVENTUS: Bodini, Caricola, Cabrini, Bonini, Brio, Scirea, Koetting, Tardelli (Furino 56), Rossi, Vignola (Tavolo 45), Prandelli.

REFEREE: R. Lorenc. CROWD: 14,004.



Happy coaches Arok and Trapattoni



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# 'B' TEAM GO OUT WITH A DRAW

EDDIE THOMSON'S Australia "B" side completed their commitments in the World Soccer Series by once again holding the visiting Greek team Iraklis to a 1-1 draw at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in front of a crowd of 18,723.

The match was played in a much better spirit than the first game in Brisbane.

In the 25th minute, Iraklis split the Australian defence with a lovely ball for striker Papadopoulos to have a shot at goal. The shot was blocked by Australia's goalkeeper, Anthony Franken, and as the ball bounced back, Papadopoulos unsuccessfully

tried an overhead kick.

Australia hit back in the 36th minute when striker Doug Brown should have scored with a point-blank shot after being set up by ball-playing midfielder Oscar Crino.

Brown was hopelessly wide of the target from close range.

A minute before half-time, from an Australian

corner forced by diminutive striker Charlie Egan, and taken by Brown, centre-back Steve Blair headed over the crossbar.

But shortly after halftime, Papadopoulos threatened when he blasted from point-blank range at the target, only to see Franken pull off his second fabulous save.

Iraklis finally scored in the 54th minute when the skilful sweeper, George Firos, set up Papadopoulos to drive a hot left-foot shot from the edge of the penalty area to score.

In the 66th minute, Australia levelled when awarded a penalty by Victorian referee Peter Spiers against Firos holding striker Gary Cole.

Brown blasted the penalty to score and send goalkeeper Georgiev the wrong way.

Australia at this stage were too slow in their build-ups from the back, thus instigating no surprise element to threaten the Greeks.

Cole should have hit the winner nine minutes from the end when he skied the ball metres above the target from only three metres out.

With due respect to certain players, very few can honestly expect to travel with Australian World Cup coach Frank Arok in November on their four-week European tour.

At this stage, Franken, Blair, the O'Shea brothers, Michael and John, Peter Lewis, Jimmy Patikas and Egan have done enough to justify wearing green and gold.

Thomson said after the match: "Not a terribly good game. Franken and Crino had good games, but it was nice the match didn't have nasty incidents as in our previous encounter."

Meanwhile, Iraklis'

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

German coach Rausch said: "Iraklis created enough chances to win this match, but we just did not take them. Your goalkeeper is a

talented young boy, and made two excellent saves."

AUSTRALIA B: Franken, Lewis (J. O'Shea 64), Opasinis,

Henderson, M. O'Shea, Blair, Crino, Katholos (Patikas 82), Cole, Egan, Brown.

IRAKLIS: Georgiev, Mavridis, Pergaminos, Papadopoulos.

Firos, Zifkas, Papaioannou, Xanthopoulos (Mitesevits 74), Galatidis, Adamou, Hatzipanagis (Vriniotis 82), Papadopoulos.

## AUSTRALIA POLE-AXED

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

JUVENTUS gave evidence just why and how they became one of the world's most powerful clubs by giving Australia a lesson in big-time Soccer. The Italians hit the Australian "A" side 4-2 at Football Park in Adelaide.

Australia weren't disgraced in front of Adelaide's biggest Soccer crowd. Some 21,500 fans rolled up.

Australian coach Frank Arok turned four strikers loose against Juventus and the gamble almost paid off.

Sydney Olympic

striker Marshall Soper

shaved the post in the

11th minute with a

cracking drive from 18

metres. Soper followed this with another spectacular hit in the 16th minute which was deflected inches outside the post.

Juventus exploded

into action in the

seventh minute when

the magnificent Boniek

hit the target.

Australia attacked

relentlessly, throwing caution to the wind with wave after wave of attacks through Frank Farina, John Kosmina, Marshall Soper and David Mitchell.

Juventus, however,

laid back and absorbed

this green and gold bombardment and once in possession, methodically came forward, placing enormous emphasis on possession.

Just two minutes after the break, Juventus scored again, this time through ace striker Paolo Rossi from very close-range.

Australia's pride was

stung and they hit back

with a goal in the 51st minute by Jimmy Cant. Flankman Farina scorched his way down the left, shattering the Italian defence, and finished with a low cross for Cant to first-time his shot from four metres.

But Boniek was not finished with his exhibition. In the 81st minute, he latched onto a Cabrini through ball and chipped Australia's

goalkeeper Terry Greedy.

Four minutes later, Australia pulled a goal back with a generous penalty awarded by referee Don Campbell for pushing in the box. Yankos crashed home the penalty, even though Tacconi went the right way and got both hands to the ball.

With two minutes remaining in this magnificent exhibition of top class Soccer, that man Boniek was at it again.

Down the left touchline Boniek came, beating Australia's free-back Yankos, before he firmly hit the target from 12 metres out on an angle, leaving Greedy crucified in the box.

The Juventus midfield of Tardelli, Bonini and Vignola repeatedly schemed blueprints for penetration for Koetting and Boniek, as Rossi was constantly bottled up again by Australia's tenacious centre-back, David Ratcliffe.

Australia's best performers were Soper, Ratcliffe, Mitchell and Alan Davidson.

Boniek, with his hat-trick and exploding, scorching invasions, rocked the entire Footall Park, sending fans delirious with excitement.

This defeat was a wonderful "investment" for Australia's

and quickly.

AUSTRALIA A: Greedy; Davidson, Ratcliffe, O'Connor, Yankos, Robertson; Cant, Mitchell; Soper, Kosmina, Farina.

JUVENTUS: Tacconi; Caricola, Brio, Scirea, Cabrini; Tardelli (Furino 66), Bonini, Vignola (Prandelli 66); Koetting (Tovola 66), Rossi, Boniek.

REFEREE: D. Campbell. CROWD: 21,500.

## SKIPPER LOST AT AIRPORT

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

VASSILIS HAZIPANAGIS, captain of Greek touring side Iraklis, a man who demanded, and was paid, \$375,000 signing-on fee this year, caused great drama at Sydney's Mascot airport when the team returned from Brisbane.

The Russian-born 29-year-old striker was separated from his Iraklis team flying out of Brisbane for Melbourne. He was on the later plane without a ticket, or money and unable to speak a word of English.

Hatzipanagis was immediately under suspicion from airport officials as a "mystery man".

I was on the same flight returning to Sydney from Brisbane after the match between Australia "B" and Iraklis.

As we were disembarking at Mascot, the Greek skipper sighted me and shouted for help.

Being able to speak his language, the mystery unravelled in seconds.

Vassilis had gone to Brisbane Airport one hour before the rest of the Iraklis squad to meet some relatives living in Australia.

But the reunion lasted too long. The rest of the Iraklis team arrived at the airport and left for Melbourne, leaving their captain behind.

He joined my flight without a ticket — the reason for the suspicion in Sydney.

I arranged with the head stewardess to escort him with two other hostesses across to the next plane leaving Sydney bound for Melbourne.

As he was leaving, Hatzipanagis looked back with relief and shouted: "Thanks mate, see you in Melbourne." (in Greek, of course!)



GALATIDIS

## HEIDELBERG WELCOME IRAKLIS



On behalf of all directors, players and club supporters, Heidelberg United Soccer Club extends a very warm welcome to Iraklis.

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Εκ μέρους της Διοίκησης, των Παικτών και των Φιλάθλων, ο Αλέξανδρος απευθύνει ένα θερμό καλωσόρισμα στον Ηρακλή.



HATZIPANAGIS

# QSF SUPPORTS ALAN KIBBLER

QUEENSLAND Soccer officials have thrown their support behind referee Alan Kibbler who was the centre of the fiery scoreless confrontation between Australia "B" and touring Greek side Iraklis at Lang Park in Brisbane.

Kibbler was forced to change a send-off decision to a caution to get the match restarted after wild scenes broke out eight minutes into the second half.

BY GREG RUSSELL

After a rough-house first half where ankles were kicked more times than the ball, pandemonium broke out when Kibbler showed the red card to Iraklis full-back George Orfanidis.

Orfanidis had leapt into a tackle with Australian midfielder Richard Miranda, leaving the Socceroo writhing in pain with a suspected broken ankle.

Orfanidis also went down for treatment, which brought heckling

from the Australian bench.

As tempers flared, officials from both teams raced on the parkland, amid heated verbal exchanges, Iraklis assistant coach Telis Batakis, who was in charge of the team for this game, called all his players to the sideline.

Confusion reigned for more than five minutes until Kibbler agreed to change his send-off decision to a caution — but only if Batakis immediately substituted Orfanidis.

Although Batakis later denied a walk-off was being considered — saying he had only called his players to the sideline to "cool

down" — there was no doubt that had Kibbler not bent the rules, the match would have ended.

"The referee took a courageous decision for the sake of the people at the game. I only hope he will not be punished in the future for what was the only decision he could make," QSF president Ian Brusasco said.

Brusasco, the ASF senior vice-president, said he would submit a full report on the incident to the next ASF executive meeting and would be stressing that Kibbler acted responsibly.

Although Miranda and Australia "B" full-back John O'Shea were taken to hospital for x-rays, no breaks were found. But doctors warned Miranda a bone flake may have broken off from an old injury.

After the match, neither Batakis nor Australia "B" coach Eddie Thomson was critical of Kibbler's actions.

"You are going to get kicked in international

football. This match showed a real lack of experience among some of our players," Thomson said.

But Thomson left no doubt about Orfanidis' tackle.

Controversy aside, after promising so much, the Greeks were disappointing.

AUSTRALIA "B": Olver, J.O'Shea (Lewis 45), Henderson,

Blair, M.O'Shea, Rizzotto, Selemidis, Miranda (Katholos 57), Slater (Brown 81), Patikas, Egan.

IRAKLIS: Georgiev, Mayridis, Orfanidis (Adamov 57), Firos, Galatidis, Pargamini, Xanthopoulos, Zifkas, Papaioannou, Hatzipanagis, Papadopoulos.

REFEREE: A. Kibbler. CROWD: 2,000.

## IRAKLIS EXTRA MATCH

IRAKLIS, the touring Greek team, has been approached by three Greek-backed NSL clubs for an extra match to be staged at the Olympic Park, Melbourne, next week.

The three club presidents, Sam Gouliopoulos, Leo Anazakis and Jim Petinellis, met hurriedly last night in Melbourne and made the offer to Iraklis officials, which was accepted.

"They will be given the added advantage that the tickets will be more economical for the family man wanting to see Iraklis."

— JOHN ECONOMOS



Orfanidis leaves the Lang Park field and is consoled by Australia "B" assistant coach John Margaritis after the Miranda incident

## WELCOME IRAKLIS

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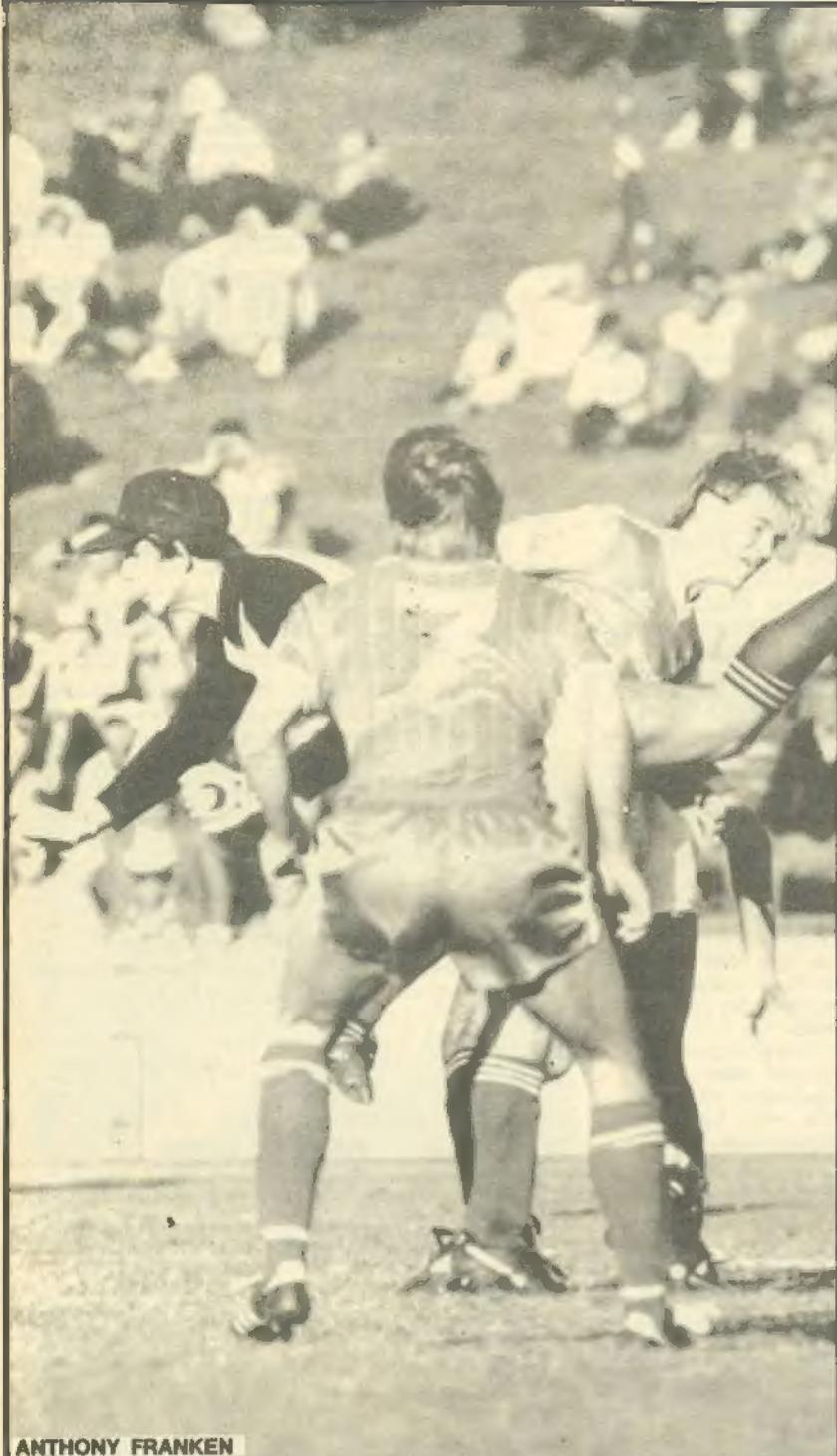
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ANTHONY FRANKEN

# IMPRESSIVE WEEKEND OF SOCCER

I POPPED into the Sydney Cricket Ground on the Queen's Birthday holiday Monday to have a look at Australian "B" and Nottingham Forest.

The organisation in defence of Australia was very sound, and their quick counter-attacks, though not successful, were well mounted.

Less impressive were Nottingham's laboured attempts to penetrate a packed defence.

The game showed up afresh the lack of innovation in so much of English Soccer, which depends to a great degree on hard running and total commitment.

When this total commitment is reduced, as is the case of a team playing in its holiday season, the effectiveness of the English game drops alarmingly.

However, among its many workmanlike players, Nottingham had an outstanding central defender in Chris Fairclough.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned comments about their opponents, one had to congratulate a second-string Australian team on being able to deservedly hold a leading European club side.

Anthony Franken, Michael O'Shea and Robbie Slater performed very well for Australia.

In Slater's case, he got little change out of Fairclough, but he was always doing things which showed his game is beginning to really flower and he will be a useful player wherever he eventually settles.

Frank Arak is to be congratulated for originally spotting his potential.

While the international game clearly showed the improvement in Australian Soccer at the top end, that same day I witnessed the improvement at the lower level of the game.

In the morning I had watched two amateur adult teams playing in the Sutherland Shire competition.

Some years ago that game would have resembled a mixture between Aussie Rules and Rugby League, with bodies continually on the ground, often in agony and the ball continually in the air.

But this game between North Sutherland and Cronulla, produced much controlled and occasionally cultured Soccer.

Two days previously I watched Sutherland Sharks play a State League game against Canterbury-Marrickville.

Some of the midfield build-up in this game was

excellent, especially from Sutherland, who ran out 4-1 winners.

Sutherland's midfield trio of Nigel Groome, Craig Rogers and John Stoddart scored all its four goals, indicating that they were able to play the modern midfield role of defender, playmaker and striker.

Indeed Groome (two) and Stoddart (one) scored their goals from headers, while it was Stoddart who put the through-ball to Rogers to hammer his goal in from 12 metres.

Stoddart, until injured, gave an absolute blinder of a performance, being everywhere on the field and playing with style, skill and aggression wherever the ball was to be found.

I am surprised he has left the National League ranks this season, despite the fact that he is in his middle 30s.

The performance of the referee Peter Woods in this game was on a par with that of Stoddart's.

Indeed, just as Stoddart's was the best midfield all-round display I have seen for several seasons, so was Woods refereeing performance the best I have seen over a similar period.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

There was just a hint of softness by Woods with a couple of early offences, which fortunately did not bring later eruptions.

However, Woods got away with his lenient early attitude and went on to produce an almost faultless display of refereeing.

Whilst on the subject of refereeing, I was also impressed with Gary Power in his first role as big-time referee in charge of the Australia "B" v Forest game.

Although his loud whistle reverberated around the SCG like a wailing banshee, and he tended to blow up for every misdemeanour, technically his display was very sound.

During my own team, Fairy Meadow's game against Penrith over the same weekend, referee Roger Doenau, while also tending to be over-correct and not allowing the game to flow, also gave a very good technical display of refereeing.

It is pleasing to be able to write of these varying aspects of Soccer, all witnessed during one weekend, as evidence of the all-round improvement that is occurring in our game in Australia.

## LET'S PUNISH COACHES

I was very interested to read what happened recently to Jim McLean, manager of the Scottish Premier Division club, Dundee United.

McLean, it appears, was in trouble with the Scottish Football Association following the European Cup match be-

tween Dundee United and A.S. Roma.

He was fined \$800 and was banned from sitting on the touchline until

the end of the next football season.

This ban doesn't just apply to ordinary Dundee United games — it also embraces international games (McLean is assistant to Scotland team manager Jock Stein), European matches and so

forth.

Why was McLean banned and fined? The official reason was that he was guilty of abusive and obstructive language towards the referee in the Roma match.

McLean is a big man in Scottish football. He is one of the best respected team bosses in that country. But the Scottish F.A. had no hesitation in hitting him hard enough to make McLean think twice in the future before committing any indiscretions.

If this is good enough for Scotland, and good enough for McLean, a similar system ought to be accepted in Australian Soccer.

But here I get the impression that the authorities are not keen to slap on heavy punishment, even when it is obvious a coach has misbehaved and deserves to be hit by the disciplinary people.

Compare what happened in Australia at a National Soccer League game not so long ago.

The coach of one of the clubs was in trouble for abusing the match referee. His punishment was so light, it was hardly worth imposing. That coach was fined \$100.

It is quite common for coaches, and even other club officials, to abuse referees.



BY TONY BOSKOVIC

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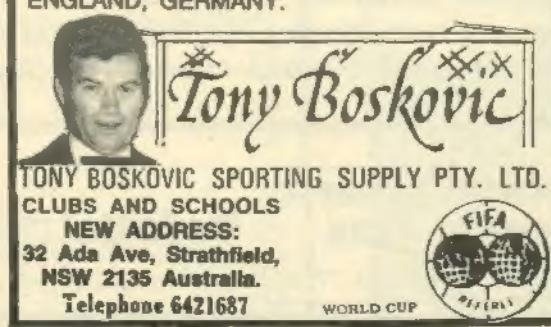
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# POOR RESULTS AS...

# KIWIS' REIGN NEARS END

BY TOM ANDERSON

WHILE Australia's new Socceroos, under the astute leadership of national coach Frank Arok, go from strength to strength, "auld enemy" New Zealand slip further and further into the mire.

Glasgow Rangers, who were downed 3-2 by the Socceroos in that tremendous encounter at the SCG, went to the Shaky Isles and took the Kiwis' pants down and slapped their rumps to the tune of 3-0.

Later by telephone, Rangers manager, Big Jock Wallace, told me that in his opinion New Zealand was "way behind" the Socceroos in the preparation and development.

As the big man is always a straight shooter, there is no doubt to question his judgment on this fact.

However, it is also wise to remember that the Kiwis have a habit of pulling out a little extra when they meet the Socceroos.

With this in mind, they must always be treated with caution.

But now with Arok in command of the Australian battalion, I am confident that New Zealand's reign as Oceania champions is quickly nearing an end.

For while our players such as Alan Davidson, Graham Jennings, John Kosmina, David Ratcliffe, Marshall Soper and Ken Murphy, to name a few, are nearing their peak and playing better in every outing, the New Zealanders are on the slide.

## Proved

This was proved in their performance in the Olympic Games final qualifying round in Singapore and furthered against the Rangers in Auckland.

In what seems a desperation move, the Kiwis are trying to rush through the naturalisation of overseas cast-offs into their set-up and, because of this, their present lineups are being called New Zealand XIs.

So much for home-grown Kiwi talent.

The man in the hot seat for the Kiwis at the present time is their director

of coaching and national team boss, Allan Jones.

Jones, who is never short for a word, and at times seems as if he has been inoculated with a gramophone needle, recently described himself in an interview as a "realist and an optimist" while talking about the New Zealand problems.

In this interview, he stated that in his opinion the Kiwis did have the "raw talent" to become a successful Soccer nation — despite the selection of overseas cast-offs in his present national set-up.

In the interview which took place before the debacle against Rangers, Jones stated that the present lack of depth of New Zealand international players could be rectified in two ways.

He wants the NZ Rothmans League upgraded and the junior set-up over there to be restructured.

For the Rothmans League improvements, he wants clubs to train four or five nights a week to improve the Kiwi play-



## ALAN DAVIDSON: an improving Australian

Kiwi captain Steve Sumner in the '82 World Cup against Brazil's Socrates

ers' pace, skills and ability to run with the ball.

On the junior side, he wants the junior coaches to start with the 7, 8 and 9-year-olds.

## Enjoyment

His opinion is that competition should be taken out of their games and replaced with enjoyment — something heartily agreed upon wherever kids play.

He also rightly stated that mistakes by the kids at the age of 12 should not be frowned upon as they are better making mistakes and having them rectified at 12, than making them at senior level at 22.

Jones then went on to state his demands for the preparation of his national team for the World Cup elimination games against our Socceroos, Israel and Taiwan in October next year.

He wants the preparation to start in October this year with a European tour, followed by a series of training weekends in

January and February before the domestic season starts in the Shaky Isles in March.

Under the "Jones Plan", New Zealand should then play some home games against European opposition in June before the World Cup elimination games in October.

The NZ mentor also suggested that maybe New Zealand were playing too much international football at the "wrong time" of the year.

He suggested that Oceania on a whole, including New Zealand and Australia, adopt summer Soccer.

It's marvellous what a few defeats will bring forth!

His reasoning in this instance is that summer Soccer would mean that the grounds would be harder and because of this the players' ball skills will improve.

To conclude, the fast-talking coach predicted a fine future for the game in New Zealand as there was a good crop of 15 and 16 year-olds coming through the ranks.

"We should have a tidy squad for the 1994 World Cup," was his parting comment.

## Attitude

Reading between the lines, it looks as if the attitude of coach Jones does not exactly reek of confidence for next year's World Cup campaign.

To be honest, it sounds like words of doom from

JOCK WALLACE, Glasgow Rangers manager



GRAHAM JENNINGS and KEN MURPHY (rear)

# CHIT CHAT



FORMER Newcastle stars Brett Cowburn and Malcolm McClelland are now shining in the Northern NSW First Division with Maitland.

The Magpies are running in a mid competition position.

John Cowburn has returned to Toronto-Avala in second Division, where the famous Wallsend club is making a roaring comeback.

RAUL CARRIZO has been a saviour for the Sydney Croatia youth team.

Carrizo, who started the season as a player with Marconi, was offered the coaching position with the youth team recently.

The team had been struggling at the foot of the Youth League, but under Carrizo's guidance, Croatia have recorded three impressive wins in the Cup.

IF you've noted that the name of Newcastle's hot young goalscorer Simon Brandt has disappeared from the results sheet of late, don't be alarmed.

Simon has moved to midfield where his strength, industry and ball-winning skills are part of the driving force behind United's revamped line-up.

Brandt scored five goals in five games early in the season to shape as one of the smartest young strikers in the NSL. There were a few raised eyebrows in Newcastle when he was switched to midfield.

However, Brandt sneaks upfield from time to time to use his brilliant heading ability in the opposing penalty area.

The transition to midfield means that the versatile Brandt has played for extended periods as a defender, striker and midfielder during his time with United.



RAUL CARRIZO

*The Soccer Committee, players and supporters of West Adelaide HELLAS Soccer Club welcomes the touring Iraklis Soccer team from Greece.*



## Η ΕΛΛΑΣ ΑΔΕΛΑΪΔΟΣ ΚΑΛΩΣΟΡΙΖΕΙ ΤΟΝ ΗΡΑΚΛΗ

Το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο της Ελλάς Αδελαΐδος, δι Ποδοσφαιριστές και οι Οπαδοί καλωσορίζουν την αποστολή του Ηρακλή στην Αυστραλία



SIMON BRANDT

LES SCHEINFLUG, cruelly turfed out as national coach, is not envious of the good results his successor, Frank Arok, has had in the World Soccer Series.

"I am delighted when Australia win or draw," said Scheinflug, "because I feel it is a win or draw for all of us. I love to see Australia succeed and I mean that from the bottom of my heart."

Nobody would blame Scheinflug if he did feel bitter or resentful. After all, it might have been he and not Arok who beat top teams like Juventus and Rangers.

KEITH HARRIS, former Newcastle youth team coach, is playing again with West Wallsend along with the gangling Alf Stamp. Ken Kaiser is club coach.

COACH Adrian Alston could have trouble finding someone to play right full-back in the Wollongong City team if a recent trend continues.

Regular full-back Dave Green became sidelined with a bad ankle injury late in the NSL Cup game against St George.

Alston brought Grant Isedale in to the position for the following game against Leichhardt.

After just 19 minutes, Isedale won on his way to Wollongong Hospital with a suspected dislocated shoulder.

No wonder everyone is kicking the ball with their left foot at training!

PAUL WHITTINGHAM has resigned and been succeeded as Northern NSW Soccer Federation secretary by Helen Lewis.

NOTABLE absences from the APIA-Marconi joint celebration night for visiting Juventus were the Australian players.

Organisers of the function stressed that invitations HAD been extended to the Socceroos and nobody appeared to know why Frank Arok and his men were not at Marconi club for the \$50-a-head dinner.

Arok said there had been too many dinners in too many places. "We cannot be everywhere," he said.

At a similar function held in the St Kilda Town Hall in Melbourne, the 1,300 diners mobbed the Juventus players and virtually ignored the Australian team.

While Rossi, Boniek, Gentile and Co were constantly signing autographs, most of the Socceroo players were allowed to eat their meal totally undisturbed by the fans.

MANCHESTER UNITED manager Ron Atkinson was the happiest man in Australia when he was given the news that Liverpool's Scottish international captain Graeme Souness was on his way to Italy's Sampdoria club.

"That's the best news I've heard this year," declared Atkinson.

"Maybe we will now win the championship next season with him out of the way!"

IT could be some time before Brisbane Lions full-back Alan Niven crows about his penalty-taking expertise.

Niven was the hero of Lions 1-0 win over Marconi at Richlands a fortnight ago — a result which got the Brisbane team into the quarter-finals of the NSL Cup.

The goal came from the penalty spot and Niven grabbed the headlines with a story that he had remembered beating Bruce James with a similar penalty the year previously.

He said his statistics were six successful penalties in a row.

But Niven came unstuck in Lions' quarter-final against Melbourne Croatia and put a 17th minute spot-kick over the bar.

The miss was even more amazing as the Lions squad had practised penalties at a special session the day before the match.

REG DATE, ace centre-forward for Australia some 35 years ago, was at the Sydney Cricket Ground for the Australia-Juventus game.

He told Australia's coach Frank Arok: "Your boys did a tremendous job out there for Australia today. You have my congratulations."

## GET-TOGETHER



TWO big names from English sport got together at — of all places — the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Joe Bugner (left), former British heavyweight champion who once entered the ring against Muhammad Ali, was meeting Brighton's centre-forward Frank Worthington, who was in Australia as a Manchester United guest player.

## TODD CLARKE'S VERDICT:

TODD CLARKE speaks from experience when he says: "The older you get, the better you are."



TODD CLARKE

And for that reason he believes current Australian "A" team goalkeeper Terry Greedy is the man to keep for the Socceroos in next year's World Cup elimination matches.

Clarke, 33, came into the Australian team nine years ago, although his stay in the national side was interrupted by injury.

He has been playing for Sydney City in NSL Cup matches, although he spends most of the season as back-up to Tony Pezzano, who is Greedy's reserve in the "A" team.

"I am a far better keeper now than when I played for Australia," said Clarke, although he has

no ambition to make an international comeback.

"It's so much easier for me to play now. As long as you stay pretty fit, a goalkeeper can be away from the game for six months and come straight back in . . . it's like picking up a knife and fork."

Clarke believes St George custodian Greedy has had a big advantage over recent Australian keepers — himself included — in that he came into the national team at a much older age.

"By coming in at 27, Terry is able to cope with the pressures of goalkeeping better than a 22 or 23-year-old," Clarke said.

"You're a more re-

sponsible person in your everyday life, and that helps you handle the mental pressures of goalkeeping.

"That's why Greg Woodhouse fell apart."

Clarke said one of the major pressures in goalkeeping for your country is that the press analyse your form extremely closely.

BY BRAD EARL

"Every mistake, every goal is dissected by the press," he said.

"The press can make and break players. They grab hold of a young player, write him up because he's a new prospect, and that builds him up to a level he's not really at."

"Then when he's playing at that level, he's under the microscope."

"Right now Terry Greedy's got the centre-stage, and I think he's got the mental capacity to absorb that pressure."

"His maturity and experience are his main assets, and he will continue to get better."

Clarke, while impressed by the performances of Anthony Franken in the "B" team, has a word of warning for fans who would like to see the 19-year-old promoted even higher.

"At the moment, everything's rosy for Franken, but he hasn't come under the microscope yet," Clarke concluded.

## ITALIAN DUO SPARK CITY

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

IMPORTING guest players from Europe has always been a delicate point.

However, Adelaide City has once again proven that, with careful selection, guest imported players are still a must if Australian Soccer is to go ahead.

In May, Nello Scarpa, 30, a midfielder, and Tommaso Talarico, 27, a striker, arrived to play for Adelaide City.

Both players are professionals. Scarpa has played for Venezia, Lucchese, Padova, Avellino and Entella Chiavari, and Talarico has played for Oratoria, Novi Ligure, Novara and Entella Chiavari.

They made their Australian debuts on Sunday May 27 against Blacktown City at Hindmarsh Stadium and were an instant success, due mainly to their presence the team lifted its performance to score a great 4-0 win and the crowd more than doubled.

Both men are presently registered with the Entella Chiavari club in the Interregionale competition and must report back to the Italian Club by the end of July.

If Adelaide City wants them to stay and they decide to remain in Adelaide, then City will have to pay transfer fees for them.

And what does Talarico think of the standard of our National League Soccer?

"It's equal to a top third division side in Italy, and it is played on the same style as the English teams play. In Italy we play differently — more technical and less physical Soccer."

I asked Scarpa why players of his calibre play in a low division such as the Interregionale competition.

"At our age, one must think where he is better off financially. Entella Chiavari is a very rich club, and it was mainly the good offer made by the Adelaide City club that convinced us to come here."

# TERRY IS THE BEST

TERRY GREEDY

### WOODS FAN

I HAVE just read Brad Earl's article on right full backs in ASW and have noticed he mentioned Davidson, Wheatley, Skeen and Carter.

Being a long-time follower of the game both at NSL and State levels, I am amazed that he has not mentioned Croatia's Brett Woods in his story, as in my opinion and many others he is the equal to Davidson in attack and defence and is also a first-class placer of the ball in dead-ball situations. How he has missed selection in recent representative games is a mystery.

I must also comment on the recent games against Man United, Notts Forest and Rangers.

Why do the Australian selectors insist on selecting overseas players (mainly Scots and English) in our rep. teams when local players such as Kay, Tredinnick, Lee, Woods, Wheatley, Brown, Vidaic, etc. could be gaining the experience needed.

These overseas players have not made the grade in their own countries, yet come out here and gain a place at the expense of our own players. In the present series there are about eight players who fall into this category.

These matches should be used as training games for our young players and not games for overseas "has-beens". We need young local players in our quest to qualify for future World Cups.

You only have to attend junior Soccer games

to hear the disgust among parents and young players when the "has-beens" are selected in front of the local youngsters.

JIM BLOOMFIELD, Enmore, NSW.

### DISGUSTED

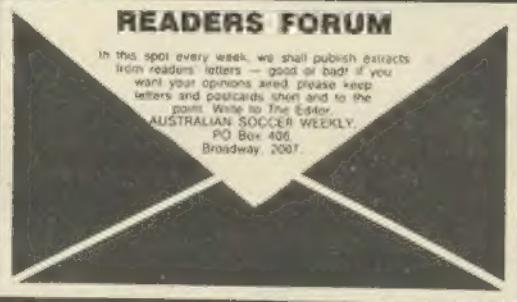
I RECENTLY attended the "Soccer Match of the Century" between Juventus and Manchester United at the SCG and went home frustrated and disgusted.

Firstly, I arrived with my \$15 "reserved" seats in the Bradman Concourse stand only to find that everyone was sitting wherever they pleased and so I ended up in the back row with far worse a view than I was supposed to have.

Then, into the second half, they announced the attendance to be 26,000. These people had said earlier that the ground, at the moment, can hold 42,000. How they could have fit another 18,000 in, with stands and hill packed solid, is beyond me. Obviously another case of other football codes making sure that Soccer doesn't get too much publicity.

Now the game itself. With such a large crowd barracking for both sides, the players saw fit to not give a damn about the game since it didn't mean anything. And who could blame them? All it needed was any miserly amount of prizemoney, that Soccer will now lose from attendance figures after this, to turn it into some sort of game.

The final whistle



### READERS' FORUM

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then put the icing on the cake. A penalty shoot-out! Are the administrators trying to say that a 0-0 scoreline is not an accepted result in Soccer, or where they just bluntly saying that it was a boring game? No, this wasn't the "Soccer Match of the Century", this was the "Soccer Exhibition of the Century".

MICHAEL CRONSHAW, Nth Gosford, NSW.

### THANKS ASW

I WISH to thank you and your sponsors for the prize in AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY which allowed me to attend the Johnny Warren Soccer Academy in Canberra.

I learnt many things at the Academy, which I am sure will make me a better player. The Academy was so good that I intend to go back in September.

Would you please express my appreciation to your sponsors for allowing such a prize to be given to people like myself.

GLEN KAISER, Belmont North, NSW.

### OBJECTION!

THE AWSA wishes to raise the strongest of objections to the manner in which your publication of

May 22 cast a not-so-subtle slur on our section of Soccer.

Whilst I, personally, saw nothing derogatory in the photo of Kerry Millman which appeared the week previously, it was to be expected that a large proportion of our members — particularly from those areas who continually suffer by way of the patronising and chauvinistic attitudes of certain media outlets — would take offence (as witness the letter which you featured).

However, all this letter did was to give whoever was responsible for the placement of the "girlie" photo a marvellous opportunity to really give women players a good rubbishing.

As Don Balmain was very much aware of the adverse feelings created by the first photo, it is hard to believe that he would endorse such a presentation, so I would certainly like to know the name of the person responsible.

I learnt many things at the Academy, which I am sure will make me a better player. The Academy was so good that I intend to go back in September.

ELAINE WATSON, President, Australian Women's Soccer Association, Moorooka, Qld.

EDITOR'S REPLY... We do not regard it as "rubbishing" when we publish a picture of an attractive girl Soccer player. Similarly, we cannot agree that the picture was patronising or chauvinistic in its intent. However, in deference to Mrs Watson, it will not appear again.



## DORMAN STEPS UP TO NSL

BY NEIL JAMESON

JUST who is Steve Dorman and what is his role in Newcastle's NSL revival?

Almost unannounced, the young goalkeeper recently made his NSL debut and emerged with a clean sheet.

Dorman's first taste of the big-time came when he was called into the Newcastle Rosebud United team for the Cup quarter-final against Sydney City.

A couple of weeks ago, Steve might never have considered himself a chance at the NSL ranks, but a few twists of fate later he found himself wearing a Newcastle shirt.

### Outstanding

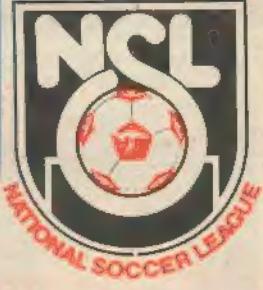
Regular United keeper Clint Gosling's outstanding form had made him one of the guiding lights of Newcastle's recovery and his apparent mortgage on the first team spot looked so complete that stand-by keeper Robert Cox felt compelled to accept Hamilton Red.

Dorman might well be the smallest goalie in the League, but what he lacks in size he makes up for in agility . . . and breeding.

His dad, Jim, is an Adamstown stalwart who, as a goalie, served the Rosebuds loyally throughout the 1960s.



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Olympic Sports Field 1.00 p.m.

# UNWANTED OPASINIS GETS 'B' CHANCE

BY ANDREW PASHALIDIS

**MISSING** the plane to Mexico with the Australian Youth team last year gave Con Opasinis greater resolve to succeed in his Soccer career.

Although a regular starter with Preston in the NSL, Opasinis, 19, was not prominent in Youth squad selection.

"It was a big disappointment," he said.

"A few of the players weren't even regulars in the NSL. The fact that I was from Melbourne and no-one recognised me didn't help."

Opasinis, voted the Under 21 Victorian Player of the Year last season, won his first international cap playing for the Australia 'B' team against Glasgow Rangers in the World Soccer Series.

"I've never played in a game like that before. Glasgow Rangers have so much pace and are extremely fit."

"During the last 10 minutes I started getting cramps. That's the first time in four years that has happened to me," he added.

Opasinis, who is equally effective playing at left or right full-back, had the inevitable task of marking world-renowned Rangers striker Davie Cooper.

"I didn't realise who I had marked until after the game. He is one of the world's greatest

wingers.

"Our coach Eddie Thomson told me that Cooper had taken many full-backs to the cleaners," Opasinis said.

Like most players in the 'B' squad, Opasinis is keen to prove himself and hopefully travel with the Australian squad on their world tour at the end of the season.

"My ambition has always been to be a regular in the Australian team. I aim to represent the Socceroos in the World Cup in 1986. Con Opasinis still remembers the letdown of 1983, and is out to prove a point.

side. If that wasn't my ambition I may as well not be here."

"I have a positive attitude ... nothing will stop me," he added.

Opasinis has had a successful playing career to date — bar his omission from the Australian Youth side last year.

He has represented Victoria in national championships from the age of 16, as well as playing NSL football since midway through the 1982 season.



## MADRID SEEK TOUR

BY GREG RUSSELL  
SIX times European Cup winners Real Madrid want to tour Australia next year.

The legendary Spanish team, which once boasted stars like Puskas and Di Stefano, will be offered to the Australian Soccer Federation by international Soccer agents, Continental Sport.

A representative of the company, Francisco Rodriguez, is travelling with touring Greek side Iraklis. He said his company, which had booked Iraklis for the ASF, had spoken to Real officials and the club was keen to tour "down under".

He said leading Greek side Ares also was interested in an Australian tour.

"It will be up to Peter Sheean if he wants Real Madrid and if the financial details can be worked out," Rodriguez said.

"I will also talk to him about getting other British teams to Australia. We have agents in Britain who deal with the top clubs."

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# ROUND UP

# NSL UPDATE

## BLACKTOWN

"MOST clubs were unhappy about the break from League competition, but in a way we were fortunate to have a month off."

Blacktown City coach Casey De Bruin was faced with serious injuries to six key players during the NSL Cup.

He hopes to have three — stopper Cliff Pointer and strikers John Larkin and Mike McLaughlin — back for Sunday's game.

De Bruin said a lot of pressure will be on the Demons' young players to fill NSL positions for the rest of the season.

Three young players who will be in the spotlight are left-back Ian Shaw and midfielders Brett Thorne and Anthony Welbourne.

"Now they have the chance to prove they're good enough, and I hope they can do it," De Bruin said.

## LEICHARDT

WITH a strong team, Leichhardt will be challenging for honours this year.

They demonstrated their ability when they defeated Sydney City 2-1 before the

THE National Soccer League resumes this Sunday after a month off for the international series. After the initial NSL Cup round was completed, most teams faced two weekends without a competitive game. The clubs that are able to pick up momentum from the first round back will have a distinct advantage over any slow-starters. ASW's BRAD EARL looks at the New South Wales teams.

month's break, and it is surprising that only one Leichhardt player — young midfielder Ian Gray — made the national "A" and "B" teams.

In goalie Bobby Parkes, sweeper Arno Bertogna, stopper Mark Pullen, midfielders Terry Butler and Peter Tredinnick, and right striker Johnny Bradley, they have players the equal of any in the NSL.

Veteran midfielder Butler has the ability to control a game from his central position, and his inspirational form this year has kept Leichhardt riding high.

## MARCONI

COACH Les Scheinflug is looking forward to the second part of the season.

He said his squad will be at full strength for the first match back after an injury-affected opening 12 rounds.

## NEWCASTLE

NECESSITY rather than choice has dictated just what team Willie Gallagher has been able to select at Newcastle, reports Neil Jamieson.

However, Gallagher has made the most of what was available and in the process has given some fine Northern NSW players the chance to show their wares.

Busy striker Derek Todd might be the pick of the bunch, but Neville Power's combining with Mike Boogaard in central defence has been another revelation.

For a decade, Power has been one of the North's most complete footballers.

Dean Milosevic, a Newcastle product who spent some time with Blacktown City in 1981, has shown the right wing is his favoured position.

The inclusion of left-back Andy Thompson has improved the distributive qualities of the United defence.

## PARRA MELITA

THE loss of Ray Farrugia through injury may have a big effect on Parramatta Melita's midfield.

However, coach Raul Blanco believes John Davies, Don Allan, Billy Griffiths and Alec Jamieson have enough ability to make up for the absence of the Maltese international.

Farrugia has a broken bone in his foot, and he joins talented young attacker Wayne Farnsworth on the sidelines.

The switch of Griffiths back to midfield will create the opening for John McKie to return to the forward line.

One of the reasons Melita have been challenging for top spot all season has been the form of goalkeeper Alec McPherson and the central defensive combination of Kenny Wilson and Bobby McGinn.



Two players who could play a key role in their club's remaining NSL programme — Sydney Olympic's Tony Dakos (white shirt) and Penrith's Randell Easthorpe

## SYD CROATIA

CROATIA are the lowest-placed Sydney club in the NSL after 12 rounds — and the club face an extremely hard task to lift themselves up the table.

Arok's first team squad does not have too much depth, yet he has refused to go into the transfer market.

Penrith have a very solid defence backed up by ever-improving keeper Mike Gibson.

Former Wollongong player Jeff Ainsworth has added a lot of stability to a sometimes unreliable midfield.

## SYDNEY CITY

THE Slickers were earmarked as favourites for the 1984 NSL title following some highly impressive displays immediately before the international break.

However, one thing coach Eddie Thomson will have to watch is that his Socceroo stars — Steve O'Connor, Jimmy Cant, Joe Watson and John Kosmina — do not "burn out" with over four months of the NSL to play.

A big advantage Sydney City have over most other clubs is their reserve strength. Without their six national squad members, the Slickers reached the quarter-final stage of the NSL Cup.

Thomson's team will have a tough return to the league, as they play second-placed Parramatta Melita twice in eight days.

## ST GEORGE

AFTER the hurly-burly of the World Soccer Series, national coach Frank Arok will be faced with the task of getting reigning League champions St George moving up the table.

The Saints failed to

impress with only four wins from the first 12 games, and several young players were thrown in at the deep end.

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BRUNSWICK	12 6 3 3 21 14 15
PRESTON	12 5 4 3 20 15 14
STH MELB.	12 5 2 5 16 11 12
WEST AD	12 5 2 5 21 20 12
MELB. CROATIA	12 4 4 4 17 20 12
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FOOTSCRAY	12 3 3 5 11 15 9
BRIS. LIONS	12 2 4 6 11 18 8
SUNSHINE	12 2 2 8 6 25 6

## AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

SYD. CITY	12 8 3 1 34 9 19
PARRA-MELITA	12 6 5 1 14 9 17
OLYMPIC	12 6 4 2 24 12 16
LEICHARDT	12 6 3 3 19 14 15
BLACKTOWN	12 6 3 3 19 17 15
MARCONI	12 5 2 5 27 18 12
S. GEORGE	12 4 4 4 13 14 12
PENRITH	12 4 4 4 17 21 12
CANBERRA	12 5 0 7 23 19 10
SYD. CROATIA	12 3 4 5 15 22 10
NEWCASTLE	12 4 1 7 15 25 9
W'GONG	12 2 3 7 10 25 7

## St George v Blacktown

### St George Stadium



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# ROUND UP



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BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

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# NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



## INTRA CHALLENGE ROUND

SATURDAY JUNE 23

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUDS

CANBERRA ARROWS

Adamstown Oval 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY JUNE 24

SYDNEY CITY

MELITA EAGLES

Sydney Athletic Field 3.00 p.m.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

LEICHHARDT

Pratten Park 3.00 p.m.

ST GEORGE

BLACKTOWN CITY

St George Stadium 3.00 p.m.



TOMMY McCULLOCH

MARCONI

PENRITH CITY

Marconi Stadium 3.00 p.m.

WOLLONGONG CITY

SYDNEY CROATIA

Wollongong Showground 3.00 p.m.

HEIDELBERG

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Olympic Village 3.00 p.m.

MELBOURNE CROATIA

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ADELAIDE CITY

BRISBANE CITY

Olympic Sports Field 1.00 p.m.



# UNWANTED OPASINIS GETS 'B' CHANCE

BY ANDREW PASHALIDIS

MISSING the plane to Mexico with the Australian Youth team last year gave Con Opasiniis greater resolve to succeed in his Soccer career.

Although a regular starter with Preston in the NSL, Opasiniis, 19, was not prominent in Youth squad selection.

"It was a big disappointment," he said. "A few of the players weren't even regulars in the NSL. The fact that I was from Melbourne and no-one recognised me didn't help."

Opasiniis, voted the Under 21 Victorian Player of the Year last season, won his first international cap playing for the Australia 'B' team against Glasgow Rangers in the World Soccer Series.

"I've never played in a game like that before. Glasgow Rangers have so much pace and are extremely fit."

"During the last 10 minutes I started getting cramps. That's the first time in four years that has happened to me," he added.

Opasiniis, who is equally effective playing at left or right full-back, had the inevitable task of marking world-renowned Rangers striker Davie Cooper.

"I didn't realise who I had marked until after the game. He is one of the world's great-

est wingers.

"Our coach Eddie Thomson told me that Cooper had taken many full-backs to the cleaners," Opasiniis said.

Like most players in the 'B' squad, Opasiniis is keen to prove himself and hopefully travel with the Australian squad on their world tour at the end of the season.

"My ambition has always been to be a regular in the Australian team. I aim to represent the Socceroos in the World Cup in 1986."

Con Opasiniis still remembers the letdown of 1983, and is out to prove a point.

side. If that wasn't my ambition I may as well not be here."

"I have a positive attitude ... nothing will stop me," he added.

Opasiniis has had a successful playing career to date — bar his omission from the Australian Youth side last year.

He has represented Victoria in national championships from the age of 16, as well as playing NSL football since midway through the 1982 season.

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## MADRID SEEK TOUR

BY GREG RUSSELL  
SIX times European Cup winners Real Madrid want to tour Australia next year.

The legendary Spanish team, which once boasted stars like Puskas and Di Stefano, will be offered to the Australian Soccer Federation by international Soccer agents, Continental Sport.

A representative of the company, Francisco Rodriguez, is travelling with touring Greek side Iraklis. He said his company, which had booked Iraklis for the ASF, had spoken to Real officials and the club was keen to tour "down under".

He said leading Greek side Ares also was interested in an Australian tour.

"It will be up to Peter Sheean if he wants Real Madrid and if the financial details can be worked out," Rodriguez said.

"I will also talk to him about getting other British teams to Australia. We have agents in Britain who deal with the top clubs."

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# ROUND UP

# NSL UPDATE

## BLACKTOWN

"MOST clubs were unhappy about the break from League competition, but in a way we were fortunate to have a month off."

Blacktown City coach Casey De Bruin was faced with serious injuries to six key players during the NSL Cup.

He hopes to have three — stopper Cliff Pointer and strikers John Larkin and Mike McLaughlin — back for Sunday's game.

De Bruin said a lot of pressure will be on the Demons' young players to fill NSL positions for the rest of the season.

Three young players who will be in the spotlight are left-back Ian Shaw and midfielders Brett Thornthwaite and Anthony Welbourne.

"Now they have the chance to prove they're good enough, and I hope they can do it," De Bruin said.

## LEICHHARDT

WITH a strong team, Leichhardt will be challenging for honours this year.

They demonstrated their ability when they defeated Sydney City 2-1 before the

THE National Soccer League resumes this Sunday after a month off for the international series. After the initial NSL Cup round was completed, most teams faced two weekends without a competitive game. The clubs that are able to pick up momentum from the first round back will have a distinct advantage over any slow-starters. ASW's BRAD EARL looks at the New South Wales teams.

month's break, and it is surprising that only one Leichhardt player — young midfielder Ian Gray — made the national "A" and "B" teams.

In goalie Bobby Parkes, sweeper Arno Bertogna, stopper Mark Pullen, midfielders Terry Butler and Peter Tredinnick, and right striker Johnny Bradley, they have players the equal of any in the NSL.

Veteran midfielder Butler has the ability to control a game from his central position, and his inspirational form this year has kept Leichhardt riding high.

## MARCONI

COACH Les Scheinflug is looking forward to the second part of the season.

He said his squad will be at full strength for the first match back after an injury-affected opening 12 rounds.

"The break gave Peter Sharne and John Djordjevic the opportunity to get their injuries out of the way," Scheinflug said.

Rene Colusso will be guesting for Marconi while he has time off from his Italian club, and he will fill a midfield berth.

"We have a much better all-round squad now, and everyone will be fighting for a position week after week," the Marconi boss concluded.

## NEWCASTLE

NECESSITY rather than choice has dictated just what team Willie Gallagher has been able to select at Newcastle, reports Neil Jamieson.

However, Gallagher has made the most of what was available and in the process has given some fine Northern NSW players the chance to show their wares.

Busy striker Derek Todd might be the pick of the bunch, but Neville Power's combining with Mike Boogaard in central defence has been another revelation.

For a decade, Power has been one of the North's most complete footballers.

Dean Milosevic, a Newcastle product who spent some time with Blacktown City in 1981, has shown the right wing is his favoured position.

The inclusion of left-back Andy Thompson has improved the distributive qualities of the United defence.

## PARRA MELITA

THE loss of Ray Farrugia through injury may have a big effect on Parramatta Melita's midfield.

However, coach Raul Blanco believes John Davies, Don Allan, Billy Griffiths and Alec Jamieson have enough ability to make up for the absence of the Maltese international.

Farrugia has a broken bone in his foot, and he joins talented young attacker Wayne Farnsworth on the sidelines.

The switch of Griffiths back to midfield will create the opening for John McKie to return to the forward line.

One of the reasons Melita have been challenging for top spot all season has been the form of goalkeeper Alec McPherson and the central defensive combination of Kenny Wilson and Bobby McGinn.



Two players who could play a key role in their club's remaining NSL programme — Sydney Olympic's Tony Dakos (white shirt) and Penrith's Randell Easthorpe

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Former Wollongong player Jeff Ainsworth has added a lot of stability to a sometimes unreliable midfield.

## SYDNEY CITY

THE Slackers were earmarked as favourites for the 1984 NSL title following some highly impressive displays immediately before the international break.

However, one thing coach Eddie Thomson will have to watch is that his Soccerroos stars — Steve O'Connor, Jimmy Cant, Joe Watson and John Kosmina — do not "burn out" with over four months of the NSL to play.

A big advantage Sydney City have over most other clubs is their reserve strength. Without their six national squad members, the Slackers reached the quarter-final stage of the NSL Cup.

Thomson's team will have a tough return to the league, as they play second-placed Parramatta Melita twice in eight days.

## ST GEORGE

AFTER the hurly-burly of the World Soccer Series, national coach Frank Arok will be faced with the task of getting reigning League champions St George moving up the table.

The Saints failed to



## SYD CROATIA

CROATIA are the lowest-placed Sydney club in the NSL after 12 rounds — and the club face an extremely hard task to lift themselves up the table.

Plans to bring last year's successful coach Josef Kuze failed, and Bill Bicanic has the reins as caretaker-coach.

Positional experiments were made in Croatia's NSL Cup matches, and they didn't really work.

Graham Arnold is more effective as centre-forward than as central midfielder, and Shane Clinch's youthful en-

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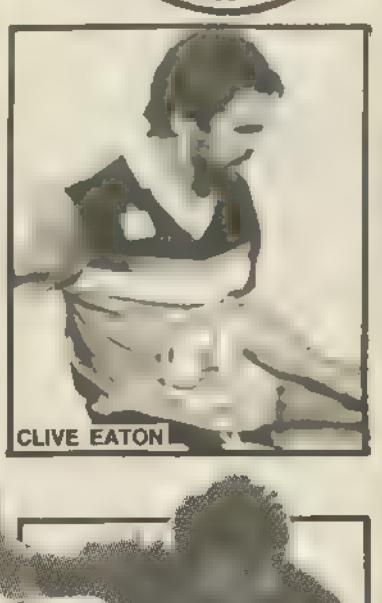
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## ADELAIDE HOPES MAY BE DASHED

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

THE National League can forget any hopes for another 7,000-plus crowd at the double-header at the Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

At 1pm Adelaide City play Brisbane City, and at 3pm West Adelaide meet South Melbourne.

Adelaide City officials made two significant blunders within six days which disappointed many supporters.

On the Monday Queen's Birthday holiday, about 2,000 fans were upset when they paid \$2 to enter Olympic Sports Field to see a training session of

the visiting Juventus squad.

The fans waited for more than two hours before an announcement was made that the Italians were not going to train.

Then on Saturday, Adelaide City's First Division side was due to meet Beograd, and to the fans' surprise, 11 City NSL players took the field.

They were defeated 0-2 by Beograd, and Ita-

lian import Tommaso Talarico and Mark Gatenby were sent off.

Both will miss this Sunday's NSL match.

On the brighter side, City's third guest player arrived on Sunday and should be available for selection against Brisbane City.

He is Graziano Tavoni, 20, a midfielder/striker from Italian Interregionale club Entella Chiavari.



TERRY BUTLER (right) in action for Leichhardt

thusiasm can be used to greater effect on the left wing than in midfield.

Croatia's chances of moving up the table will largely depend on experienced men like Steve Watson, Marijan Kovacic, Kenny Boden and Wally Savor getting on with the job of guiding the younger players.

### SYD OLYMPIC

THE title hopes of Sydney

Olympic will largely depend on the consistency of Marshall Soper, Peter Katholos and Jimmy Patikas.

If the three Australian internationals — all so important in attack for Olympic — can produce regular match-winning efforts, the club could easily move to the top of the ladder.

Sweeper Tony Dakos was ruled out of the international series through injury, and his form will be watched closely over

the coming months. Coach Manfred Schaefer has several other youngsters in line for NSL spots.

The experience of Mike Coady, Martyn Rogere, Graham Jennings and keeper Gary Meier forms a solid base and an ideal foil for the flair of Soper, Katholos and Patikas up front.

### WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG City coach Adrian Alston will

## NEWCASTLE LEAP CLEAR—THANKS TO SIMON

BY NEIL JAMESON

**SIMON** says "jump" and that's exactly what Newcastle Rosebud did ... by leaping clear of the foot of the NSL ladder — courtesy of Simon Brandt's lone goal.

Despite a home ground advantage, Newcastle looked certain to be contained by a packed Footscray defence until the match exploded into life in the 71st minute with Brandt's goal and the dismissal of Footscray's Jim Tansey.

From David Jones' in-swinging corner on the left, goalkeeper Dennis Boland for once failed to field the ball and Brandt stole it low behind the defence to head in the winner.

Off the ball, Tansey felled Newcastle midfielder Bernard Kerby and referee Jim Reeves immediately flashed the red card to give the experienced defender his first sending-off in 15 years.

Newcastle had pushed Brandt forward from midfield to counter Footscray's five-man defence and the first sign that he would prove a handful came in the 33rd minute when he ran onto a Derek Todd pass to blast a

shot straight at Boland.

After Footscray's Vlatko Belic had stormed past his man to unluckily hit the side-netting, it appeared the visitors had the means to snatch a win.

But Footscray's inability to mark Brandt gave Rosebud an edge as one minute later he latched onto Jones' chipped free-kick to smash a 10 metre drive just over the bar.

In the ensuing period, Footscray weathered a succession of Newcastle corners but broke back quickly in the 64th and 66th minutes when headers by Belic and Kyri Kyriakouleas were cleared off the line.

Since Gallagher took control, his record reads four wins and two losses from six outings. It is further credit to Gallagher that his side's performances have been graced with that most sought after commodity — entertainment.

**NEWCASTLE:** Gosling, Maier, Thompson, Power, Boogaard, Kerby, Senkalski, Brandt, Milosevic, Jones, Todd.

**FOOTSCRAY:** Boland, McDowell, Hazabent, Kyriakouleas, Tansey, Belic, Curovic, Karic (D'Donnell 54), Paton, Laemanovic (Caban 54), Lujic.

**REFEREE:** J. Reeves. **CROWD:** 1,500.

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# PARKLEA PROGRESS

BY KEITH GILMOUR

SINCE 1980, the Parklea Soccer Complex has hosted the NSW Local Government Engineers Association field day.

Thanks to the engineers, Parklea has gained dramatically from the work carried out in

demonstrating the equipment.

In addition, Blacktown City's Engineering Department has done wonders with the design and supervision of the works.

The LGEA started out with the field days back in 1957 at the Spastic Centre at Allambie Heights.

Over the years they have helped many worthy causes such as the Big Brother Movement, Cabramatta Farm, Remembrance Driveaway, Villawood; National Fitness Camp, Narrabeen; and the Macquarie University Sports Association.

From 1980, and for a couple of years yet, the demonstrations will be at Parklea, which will cover Sports such as basketball, tennis, cricket, etc., as well as Soccer.

Government grants have helped the work in addition to the funds generated by the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs and its members.

Indeed, the Commonwealth Government is

expected to approve funds for a big motel on the property which will provide accommodation for players up to National team standard.

This could be in the order of \$400,000/\$600,000. State squads and junior teams will also be covered.

Two grounds will be for cricket as well as Soccer and one will have an athletics track installed.

As a community project on land owned by Soccer, there must be coverage of a number of sports in order to qualify for grants of public funds.

The NSW Federation expects to play State League Second Division finals and similar games on the grounds.

The area nearest the indoor stadium is to be swung round and the main spectator ground will utilise the present embankment.

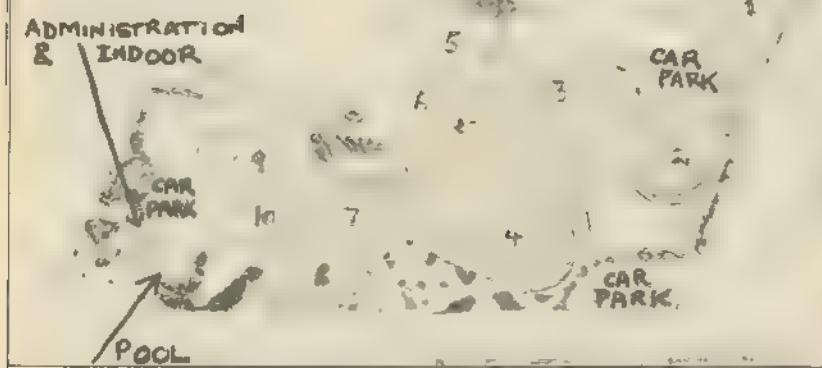
Lighting and fencing will be erected on the proceeds of Federation funds with matching dollar-for-dollar grants from the NSW State Gov-

ernment. Federation officials fore see Ampol Cup matches being held at Parklea under floodlighting.

As an example of how funds are stretched, \$10,000 worth of sealing materials has been purchased for the 300-space car park.

Labour and equipment to the value of over \$50,000 will be supplied free by equipment suppliers to complete the work.

Firms which offered equipment this year in the Works Area were:— Banbury Engineering, Inmac, Ira Berk (Qld), Mole Engineering, Mitchell Cotts Engineering (Aust.), Noyes Bros., Putzmeister Aust., Summit Machinery & Equipment, Wacker Aust., Waugh & Josephson, Bomag Aust., J. D. Industrial Equipment, U. I. Case (Aust.), Ian M. Johnston, Volvo Aust., Malcolm Moore, Morgan Equipment, Erican T/A (Sea Dump Aust.), A. & A. R. Lehman & Sons.



The 10 playing pitches are set out on the plan together with the car parks, administration and indoor facilities and pool. Field no 4 is open playing fields at present but it is to be converted into the stadium with floodlighting for night games.



The VIP table at the Local Government Engineers Association dinner at the Parklea dining room. Left to right: NSW Federation vice-president Lee Fairclough; Kevin Stewart MP, NSW Minister for Local Government; Terry Gibson, president Local Government Engineers; George Dick, NSW Federation executive member; Trevor McMillan, J I Case Engineering.



A view of the interior of the Indoor stadium showing the recently installed basketball courts. The area will be used for sports such as basketball and indoor Soccer.

## KEVIN'S BIG RECOVERY

BY PHIL MURPHY

**BULLI** goalkeeper Kevin Nutter is lucky to still be playing Soccer, let alone be one of the stars of his team.

Two years ago, Nutter was playing with Lysaght's and suffered a fractured skull.

He recovered after many people thought he would have to give the game away, and joined Premier League Bulli.

He was outstanding in the recent upset 2-0 win over premiers West-Figtree, making a number of brave saves at the feet of Figtree forwards.

It proves he certainly isn't having any after-effects from the injury.

Coach Norm Flanagan said Nutter is a very capable goalkeeper, who is always ready to come off his line under pressure.

When they played an important game against Bellambi recently, someone forgot about this.

The game was naturally advertised in the press as a Sunday fixture, but the game was actually played on the Saturday, Dapto winning 1-0.

So much for the association's public relations — we hear even some Dapto supporters turned up at Dapto Showground on the Sunday, 24 hours late.

Before the recent game against Coniston, Mollison tipped Funnel and Dean to pose big problems for Coniston's defence.

The result was a 6-1 win to his side, Funnel scoring twice and Dean once.

**JUST** what is going on down Dapto way? In the association handbook, it states clearly all Dapto home games will be played on Sundays this season.

Examples of the equipment on



In foreground the parking area, some of the developed fields and in the background the section in which new fields are being established.



# AROUND NEW SOUTH WALES

COMPILED BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

## BROWN BREAKS INTER-MONARO

A ROSS BROWN penalty goal in the 75th minute was enough to give Rockdale Linden a hard-fought 1-0 win over championship pacesetters Inter-Monaro at Hurstville Oval.

Brown, one of the deadliest penalty-takers in the competition, slammed the ball into goal from the spot after team-mate Kenny Slavesci had been fouled in the penalty area.

Monaro, leading the competition in recent weeks, have slipped into second position on the ladder, ahead of Rockdale on goal difference.

Manly are solitary leaders of the competition on 18 points and have a game in hand.

Rockdale coach Iliya Takacs was impressed with the performance.

"It was one of our most important wins this season," he said.

"It was fair that we won, we created more goalscoring chances. I think they were playing

### DIV 1 - GDE 1

Manly	11	7	4	0	24	5	10
Monaro	12	7	3	2	30	17	17
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K'gal	12	4	3	5	17	23	11
Avala	12	3	3	6	16	28	8
Polonia	12	2	4	7	10	18	8
Yugal	12	1	6	5	12	18	7
Warringah	11	2	2	7	13	25	6
Bankstown	12	2	2	8	11	30	6

### DIV 1 - GDE 2

C-M'la	12	8	1	2	28	14	19
S'land	12	7	3	2	32	15	17
K'gal	12	7	3	2	25	10	17
Manly	11	7	2	2	32	11	16
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Rockdale	11	4	3	4	22	19	11
Warringah	11	4	2	5	15	19	10
Avala	12	3	3	7	11	25	7
Monaro	12	3	0	9	15	30	6
Yugal	12	2	0	7	13	30	6
Polonia	12	1	3	0	8	28	5

### DIV 1 - GDE 3

Polonia	10	8	0	1	35	10	18
C-M'la	11	8	2	1	25	10	18
S'land	11	7	3	1	32	18	17
K'gal	12	7	3	2	25	10	17
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### DIV 2 - GDE 1

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B'town	12	10	1	1	50	7	21
Dee Why	11	7	3	2	32	12	17
Nth B'town	10	7	2	1	21	12	16
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### DEFERRED GAME

NORTH BANKSTOWN v GLADESVILLE HORNSBY — Proctor Park this Saturday.

## AUBURN BOUNCE BACK

AUBURN-URUGUAY, after having drawn their last four games, bounced back on the winning trail with a convincing 1-0 victory over lowly-placed Yugal at Mona Park.

This was an important game for both teams. Auburn needed to win to keep in touch with the top four teams and two points were vital for Yugal to edge away from the relegation zone.

Yugal had the first chance to score, but Marco's attempt was blasted across the face of the goal. O'Shane responded for the home team seven minutes later but headed wide of goal. Yugal almost scored in

the 53rd minute when Pabor latched onto an attempted defensive clearance but fired straight at the Auburn keeper.

Auburn scored their all-important winner in the 66th minute. Midfielder Stephen Knight put O'Shane through and his chip over the advancing Yugal keeper struck the crossbar, but Banales was on hand to slam home the rebound.

AUBURN: Rosana, Kelly, Geekie, Watt, Pianinic, Akoutas, Carnley, Parfitt, Banales, Knight (McDermid 85), O'Shane (Townson 84).

YUGAL: Berry, Mirkovski, Coldarevic, Gogic, Forrester, Pahor, Marco, Rodas, Morsello (Jesic 73), Thamnidis (Zivkovic 85).

## 'HARRY' HITS TWO

EXPERIENCED Sutherland midfielder Mark Harrington netted two goals in his team's comprehensive 3-1 drubbing of Warringah-Narrabeen at Seymour Shaw Park.

The game was a scrappy affair. Both sides played in the middle of the park rather than spreading the ball wide and opening the game.

Sutherland opening the scoring in the 35th minute when Harrington slammed the ball into goal after their had been a mix-up between the

Warringah goalie and a defender.

Harrington scored the second in the 52nd minute when Brian Gray received the ball from the left flank and slammed it high into goal.

Warringah narrowed the leeway 10 minutes later when Billy Bulloch converted from the penalty spot after a Sutherland player hand-

Sutherland: Dart, Schumann, Nelson, Dal Forno, Groome, Watkins (Terry), Hargrave, Harrington, Hesford, Rogers (Johnston), Gray.

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## CHASERS ON THE WAY UP

KU-RING-GAI, three weeks ago one of the competition's tail-enders, continued their unbeaten run with a 2-0 victory over Polonia at Parklands Oval.

On a sour note for Ku-ring-gai, striker Craig Bass will miss this week's game against Bankstown by incurring his fourth yellow card of the season.

Ku-ring-gai looked well in control in the first half. In the 14th minute a skilful overhead kick by Bass was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Polonia goalkeeper Ian Barker.

During the first 25 minutes of the second half, Ku-ring-gai lost their composure and the visitors took control.

This was dented by Ku-ring-gai striker Glen Jeffrey, who



## LITTLE GIANTS



THEIR club is the Georges Hall Giants but neither of them are giants as such yet. Brothers Warren (left) and Trevor Ball are shown in the picture with St George's wonder scoring forward Dez Merton.

Both boys spent a week of their school holidays at the Pacific Soccer Camp at Macquarie University.

In the morning they were coached in goalkeeping technique by Fred Wall and Mike Fraser. In the afternoon Dez Merton and Joe Watson instructed them in midfield and striker play.

## PAT HUGHES COACHES

REMEMBER the name Wetherill Park, for we are sure you will hear a lot more about them in the years to come.

Although the club has only been in existence for three years, this season they managed to field 11 junior sides in the Southern Districts competition.

But the boast of the "Wetherill Park Westerners" is not about quantity, but quality.

At the halfway stage of the competition, all their 11 sides are in the top four of their respective leagues, and are confident of remaining there until the silverware is handed out at the end of the season.

However, it appears that the reason for the club's success is due in no small way to its coaching philosophy.

As club spokesman Peter Synott explains: "We try to place the emphasis at our training sessions on individual skills, rather than just running around the oval.

"Although we are obviously happy to see our sides win, we try to emphasise to the kids that the most important thing is their personal development.

"Ball skills are the order of the day, and under the eye of our director of coaching, former APIA and Australia midfielder Pat Hughes, we feel that we will hopefully produce a Socceroo in a few years time."

The Wetherill Park

Wetherill Park Under 13 striker Peter Moore powers his way past two Lansvale defenders to score



SOUTHERN DISTRICTS U14 team has been in top form in the NSW Youth League. They would like to thank their sponsors GIO and particularly Frank Parker, John van Etten and Allan Roberts.

The squad is: BACK ROW: Russel Davis, Charlie Lenco, Simon Roberts, Darren Sullivan, Stephen Dowds. MIDDLE ROW: Michael Sullivan (coach), Ken Medanic, Peter Newbold, Doug Hamilton, Michael De Guara, Darren Thompson, Arthur Vella (manager). FRONT ROW: Philip Turner, Glen Valanidas, Michael Winder, Scott Calthorpe, Shane Barselaar.

## HUNTER TALENT FOR NSW CHS

BY BILL TURNER

KURRI KURRI's Scott Wilson, included in West Wallsend's First Division team recently, has been selected in the Hunter Region squad for the NSW CHS Regional Championships.

These will be played at the Ashley Brown grounds adjoining the Gabbie Stadium at Seven Hills on June 26/28.

During the trials, Matthew Nicholson was rock-like in defence, Jeff Perrin showed excellent skills in the "engine-room" and Andrew Licata showed he could get the ball into the net.

Young Pedro Boskovic from Broadmeadow should improve over the series.

Selectors were convenor John Hobson, Grant Harrison (Whitebridge), Dennis Wright (Wallsend), Harold Fryer (Raymond Terrace) and Peter McBeth (Scone).

The Hunter squad is: Glen Sandilands (Forster), Robert Stavrevsky (Cardiff), Matthew Nicholson (Warner Bay), Greg Jones (Toronto), Darren Mitten (White-

bridge), Scott Grant (Glendale), Paul Atkinson (West Wallsend), Mark Govan (Wallsend), Jeff Perrin (Swansea), Anthony Gascoyne (Glendale),

Gavin McDonald (Warner Bay), Andrew Licata (Merewether), Pedro Boskovic (Broadmeadow), Scott Wilson (Kurri Kurri). Manager/Coach John Hobson (Booragul)

## 270 TURNER CUP TEAMS

OVER 270 schools entered the 1984 Turner Cup, and there has been plenty of action in the early rounds.

Raymond Terrace popped in a lone goal to eliminate one of the tournament favourites in Whitebridge. Jesmond's win over Maitland Boys was unexpected, as was Francis Xavier's (formerly Hamilton Marist) over Waratah.

Wallsend blitzed Gateshead 8-0 and Morisset bowed out to swift-footed Broadmeadow.

Big games coming up are Cessnock-Jesmond, Merewether-Wallsend and St Pius X Adamstown and Kurn Kurn.

## NSW ATTACK YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 19 — JUNE 11

GROUP A

	U13	U14	U15	U16
Ku-ring-gai v St George	1-2	0-5	0-1	def
Bankstown v Illawarra	0-3	0-5	2-0	0-3
Canterbury Asn v APIA	0-2	0-4	1-2	0-5
Blacktown City v Auburn	4-1	2-0	3-0	def
Yugal v 5th Dist	1-2	0-6	0-3	2-4
Croftie v Macarthur	0-2	0-2	1-2	4-0
Baulkham Hills v Melita	1-3	1-0	2-1	0-3

GROUP B

Avala v Sydney Olympic	0-1	0-6	1-1	1-1
Gladesville v Marconi	2-1	1-3	1-3	1-4
C'bury-M'ville v Nepean	1-3	1-3	0-0	2-1
Rockdale v Manly	0-1	1-0	0-7	0-5
Granville v Nth Bankstown	3-1	1-1	3-0	2-0
Sydney City v Blacktown	1-3	1-1	4-0	1-1
Central Coast v Sutherland deferred				

ROUND 20 - JUNE 16

GROUP A

St George v Bankstown	0-2	4-1	1-2	def
Illawarra v Canterbury Asn	2-0	11-0	1-3	def
APIA v Blacktown City	0-1	2-2	1-2	def
Auburn v Southern Dist	1-6	3-2	0-1	8-0
Macarthur v Ku-ring-gai	3-1	3-1	0-2	2-2
Melita v Croftie	3-1	2-1	1-1	def
Yugal v Baulkham Hills	0-5	1-0	1-1	1-4

GROUP B

Sydney Olympic v Gladesville	1-0	3-1	2-0	def
Marconi v Central Coast	1-1	2-1	6-1	def
Sutherland v C'bury-M'ville	1-6	1-2	3-0	def
Nepean v Manly	1-0	1-0	1-1	2-0
Nth Bankstown v Avala	6-0	1-1	1-0	3-3
Blacktown v Granville	0-10	0-0	0-3	def
Rockdale v Sydney City	2-1	0-0	1-7	def

## POINTS SCORES TO JUNE 16

GROUP A

U13: Melita 35, St George 33, Baulkham Hills 29, APIA 28, Illawarra 26, Southern Dist 23, Macarthur 20, Croftie 19, Blacktown City 19, Yugal 13, Auburn 9, Ku-ring-gai 8, Bankstown 8, Canterbury 2.

U14: Illawarra 40, St George 37, APIA 32, Blacktown City 28, Southern Dist 24, Baulkham Hills 23, Auburn 20, Melita 18, Ku-ring-gai 15, Croftie 14, Macarthur 11, Bankstown 9, Canterbury 4, Yugal 2.

U15: APIA 33, St George 32, Blacktown City 30, Southern Dist 25, Canterbury 23, Ku-ring-gai 20, Croftie 20, Baulkham Hills 19, Illawarra 19, Bankstown 18, Macarthur 16, Melita 8, Auburn 7, Yugal 7.

U16: Blacktown City 35, St George 34, APIA 31, Auburn 30, Melita 24, Ku-ring-gai 23, Illawarra 19, Croftie 17, Baulkham Hills 16, Canterbury 13, Bankstown 10, Macarthur 7, Southern Dist 6, Yugal 3.

## GROUP B

U13: Granville 36, Sydney Olympic 34, Nepean 30, C'M'ville 28, Sutherland 21, North Bankstown 21, Gladesville 20, Central Coast 19, Marconi 18, Avala 14, Manly 11, Rockdale 10, Blacktown Asn 4, Sydney City 5.

U14: Sydney Olympic 37, Marconi 33, Nepean 30, Sutherland 25, C'M'ville 24, Central Coast 23, Sydney City 19, Rockdale 17, Nth Bankstown 13, Gladesville 13, Blacktown Asn 12, Manly 11, Granville 9, Avala 5.

U15: Sydney Olympic 37, Granville 31, Marconi 29, Nepean 27, C'M'ville 26, Sutherland 24, Manly 22, Sydney City 18, Avala 16, Central Coast 12, Nth Bankstown 11, Gladesville 7, Blacktown Asn 5, Rockdale 4.

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## METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROUND 6 — JUNE 17

	U11	U12
Ku-ring-gai v Sutherland	-	0-1
Central Coast v Illawarra	0-4	0-0
St George v Blacktown	3-2	0-1
Canterbury v Granville	2-2	0-1
Gladesville v Southern & Eastern	-	4-0
Nepean v Bankstown	1-0	1-0
Southern Districts bys		

NSW AMATEUR CUP

Dubbo RSL 3, Culburra 2; Gwagley Bay 3, Ruse 2; Livingston 2, North Sutherland 1; Canterbury 2, Appin Utd 0; Hurstville Memorial 4, Dubbo South 2; Loftus Rovers 6, Parkes 1; Miranda Magpies 2, Cronulla RSL 1; Caringbah Rangers 1, Sylvania 0; Lugarno 4, Belmore 2; Ryde RSL 5, Padstow United 3; North Shore Hellas 1, Greenacre A 0; Carlingford Redbacks 6, Baulkham All Stars 0; Wahroonga 2, Lithgow Thistles 1, Como West-Jenall 5, Goulburn Empire Lions 1. Results to come Sans Souci v Henwood, Greenacre v Mudgee.

CUP (U21)

Granville RSL 2, Manly Vale 1; Parkes 2, North Caringbah 1; Pendle Hill 2, Penrith RSL 1; Lilli Pilli 5, Kellyville 0; Revesby Lions B 1, Como West-Jenall 0; Lakemba Sports 1, Aquith 0; Miranda Magpies 2, Gymea Utd 1; Terrawanna 3, Revesby Lions A 2.

STATE CUP (U16)

Five Dock RSL 3, Bathurst 75 1.

(Ends Round 3 in all grades — Round 4 to be played on July 1).

# SOUTH COAST REGION

## THIRD ROUND REPORT

KEIRA HIGH stormed into the fifth round of the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup with a 12-1 victory over the young Goulburn team.

In keeping with this year's games, hat-tricks seemed to be the order of the day, with no fewer than three Keira boys joining the already long list of players who have achieved this landmark.

Dektem Kaboboz led the way with four goals and he, along with David Kaynak and Zoran Basaric, scored 10 of their team's goals. Doug Tarrant and Basken Bataanic completed the scoring.

Earl Canvin also scored three in Woonona's hard fought win over Kiama. The game was played at a fast pace, with Canvin creating havoc at one end and Kiama's Claus Wunsch doing the same at the other. Both boys got on

the score sheet with outstanding first half performances.

With the score at 2-1, Kiama's Jamie Warren hit a scorching free-kick into the top of Woonona's goal. Unfortunately the referee had signalled that the kick was indirect, and the goal was disallowed.

A feature of the game was the close marking of Wunsch by Woonona's Marl Pople, and this proved to be decisive in the second half as he was blotted out of the game.

At Queanbeyan, the home side overcame Berkeley High 2-0. Chris Svechia scored for the winners in the first half; however in the second period Berkeley

shook off the effects of the trip to take control of the game. Unfortunately for them, George Gouzeris got onto the end of a good cross to complete the scoring for the home side.

Lake Illawarra moved into the next round with a convincing win over Bega. The winners overcame a determined fight from the Bega boys and they are emerging as the dark horses of the competition.

The regional semi-finals are to be held at Towradgi Park and the clashes between Woonona and Lake Illawarra and Keira and Queanbeyan will be well worth seeing.

JOHN FREW, regional convenor.

## NORTHERN RIVERINA LEAGUE REFORMED

BY FRANK FINLAY

RAY VERNON from Henwood Park Soccer Club at Wagga is involved in making amateur Soccer more professional in its outlook in the country.

"I believe we must take a professional attitude to our game in club and association administration," he said.

As the competition co-ordinator and organiser of the Northern Riverina Soccer League, he has the chance to put his principles into practice.

"I have always advocated bringing the U16s

closer to the seniors. The interaction would tend to narrow the gap between the two groups," he said.

Ray Vernon's Soccer interest began when his son William started playing U7s 11 years ago.

His Soccer interest firmed and he went through from the rank and file to ultimately become president of the local association.



RAY VERNON



Nottingham Forest stars Ian Bowyer (left), Paul Hart and Bryn Gunn meet some keen Melbourne Soccer Juniors prior to a recent World Soccer Series match

## SERDERON THE PLASTIC MAN PRIZE

SERDERON PTY LTD, Sydney's Polythene Distributors, will award \$1,000, split between five lucky junior clubs, associations, schools and organisations for their contributions to ASW for the period April 3 to September 25, 1984.



These can be in story and/or pictorial form. Photographs should be in black and white and have good contrast, although colour snaps will usually turn out satisfactorily.

The prize are: 1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100, 4th \$100, 5th \$50. The decision of the editorial staff of ASW will be final.



CARL McGANN

ALTHOUGH things are on the improve, there are not many cases of country boys who make it into the NSW representative teams. This year the boy who overcame the barrier is Carl McGann from Wagga Wagga, who is in the U13 squad. Carl turns out with local club Tolland.



JASON PRICE

JASON PRICE from Wagga is one of a very keen group who were chosen in the NSW Country U13 representative team.

## KU-RING-GAI IN PERIL

KU-RING-GAI U15s had to hang on desperately to secure their 2-0 win over Macarthur at the Golden Jubilee ground at Wahroonga on Saturday.

State squad Bogatai followed up to sweeper Sean Smith opened the scoring and strong midfield Sasha

give Ku-ring-gai a 2-0 half-time advantage.

Macarthur then came

storming back and Ku-ring-gai had to produce some last-ditch methods to keep in front.

Although Macarthur were the underdogs in the U16 clash, they secured a point by finishing level at 2-2 after trailing 0-1 and 1-2.

The Ku-ring-gai goals came from Paul Daley and Grant Clinch.

In U13 and U14 Macarthur were on top to win both games 3-1.

Sydney Olympic's U16 match against Gladesville-Hornsby was postponed as they had five players involved in the NSW possibles v probables trial at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Olympic's 15s ran out 2-0 winners although the quality of play has dropped because Mark Moffatt and Anthony Daniels are both sidelined with injuries.

Scoring for the winners were Dave Barratt and George Nouis.

Olympic had the better of Gladesville to win the U13 game 3-1 with central striker Giuseppe Russo, left striker Steve Rafinos and central midfielder Dave Corbett the pick of their side.

The U13s did not reach great heights but Olympic were the victors thanks to Peter Melissourgos scoring off a corner-kick.

## MUDGEES PROSPECT

MARCONI NSL club has recently shown interest in Mudgee youngster Andrew Palmer under its Marconi-Gyrock development scheme.

Andrew plays for Mudgee U14/2 team and has been with the club since U8

He plays in the Western Region school team and is the local inter-club swimming champion

and school athletic champion for two years.

Orana Soccer Association publicity officer Gai Orton says the association is right behind Andrew in his willingness to learn the skills of Soccer.



The Under 13 Sutherland Shire Representative side for 1984.  
Back Mike Schmitt (Mgr), Craig Parkes, Brad Pearson, Terry Richmond, John Massarotti, Cliff Liddell, Jim Atkins, Warren Schmitt.  
Front Glen Dwyer, Murray Sanders, Phillip Walker, Scott Kell, Jason Fewell, Grant O'Halloran, Todd Robinson, Ron Waterside (coach)

# STATE TITLES FINALE

BY DON BALMAIN

THE hoodoo of the weather did not occur this year when the NSW Women's Federation held their State Championships.

For the past four years, the Championships have been held in near-flood conditions to just heavy rain, but this year at Morrison's Bay reserve at Putney, a Sydney suburb, the contest was held in perfect weather for Soccer.

Although the anticipated participation of Bathurst from the mid-west region of the State and the lack of response to the Federation's invitation to send a team from the Highlands Association in the south-west around Moss Vale-Mittagong district, the competition secretary, Lal Byers, had his hands full with a record number of entries.

Sixteen teams entered the tournament this year with the majority of them coming from the metropolitan associations.

The exception was the talented team from the Albury-Wodonga association.

The team of youngsters, where only two players were over 16, was an outstanding prospect for future junior State sides.

Included as a replacement at the last minute, Angela Iannotta, 13, turned in a brilliant performance to help her team defeat St George No 2 team in the first game of the preliminary round, then win their way through to the quarter-finals by defeating Gladesville-Hornsby No 3 side.

Although defeated in the quarter-final, this young group from the Victorian border was far from disgraced.

The semi-final game that created great interest and the second largest crowd, was the match between title holders Gladesville-Hornsby No 1 side and St George.

From the opening whistle, it was very obvious that from here the teams were going to play a different style of football from that exhibited in the preliminary rounds.

Both sides contained international players and between them, could have given any other State team a run for their money.

Former Australian goalkeeper, Tony McMahon, playing for St George, was kept busy by the Gladesville-Hornsby front-line.

The game was an end-to-end confrontation played at a fast pace.

Cindy Heydon, seemingly faster this year than in previous seasons, was always dangerous being fed well from both of the St George wings.

Gladesville-Hornsby scored first from a powerful shot coming from Carol Vinson.

This stirred the St George combination to greater effort and Roslyn Ingham, the Gladesville goalkeeper, was hard to put to fend off the opposition's attacks.

Towards the end of the second half, with Gladesville-Hornsby leading by the single



COLLETTE FITZPATRICK (right), the captain of the Gladesville-Hornsby rep team, shown here holding the 1983 South Pacific Cup in Noumea

goal, St George slipped one past the opposition keeper after she had parried several hard shots only to have the movement ruled offside.

Because of the intensity of this game, which Gladesville-Hornsby won 1-0, the second semi-final, played between the Manly-Warringah No 2 side and Sutherland, did not have the same fire.

It was well into the game before Sutherland notched their first goal from the stern defence from the Manly side.

Former State player Lynn Olsen, playing in midfield for Sutherland, was outstanding in a side well drilled in their approach to the game.

In a match played with considerable understanding by the Sutherland midfield and defence, the Manly No 2 side pulled out all stops in their effort to pass their opponents but did not succeed.

The final score of 2-0 to Sutherland was a fair indication where a good combination was beaten by a better side.

With Australia's first international woman referee Christine Turpin officiating, the final got away in fine style.

The first goal of the game was scored by Sutherland.

Determination showed in the faces of the Sutherland players as they constantly broke up the Gladesville attacks, which were coming from both wings to feed Carol Vinson and Leigh Wardell in the centre of the attacking line.

With referee Turpin stopping any overzealous play, the game developed into a very hard fought battle of tactics with movement swaying from one end to the other.

With 10 minutes to go, Vinson received a ball from right field and made no mistake in slamming the shot into the net.

The estimated crowd of 900 fans yelled their excitement with the equaliser and this time it was the Sutherland side who stirred themselves in an effort to get one more goal before the end of the game.

Such was not to be however, as a determined Gladesville-Hornsby side deflected the attacks, and full-

time blew with the sides locked at 1-1.

After a break, the sides reluctantly came back to the conflict, both looking as though they would prefer to be anywhere else. This was a test of endurance as all of the girls had played six games in three days and the extra-time was to be a test of the fittest.

Nevertheless, they gained strength from somewhere and recommenced the struggle.

Again fortunes sawed as first one side and then the other took the advantage and tried to break through.

With only minutes of the first period of extra-time remaining, Leigh Wardell streaked through the opposition, took a perfect pass and slammed one home.

Although the second half of extra-time was marked by the torrid tackling and stern defence of the Gladesville-Hornsby team and the equally determined attacks by the Sutherland side, the match concluded with Gladesville-Hornsby taking out the NSW titles 2-1.

## OPEN TITLES

AFTER several attempts to raise a State team from the vast top of Queensland, the women's organisations from north of Rockhampton decided they are too small in numbers just yet to compete on a national basis.

The women from that area entered a team on an invitation basis when the games were held in Brisbane two years ago, and proved that they would be no slouch when it came to matching skills with the best of them.

## U15 TITLES

WITH the Under 15 titles to be held in July, information has been received from the president of the Nth NSW Women's Soccer Federation that although the titles have lost Western Australia this year, they have been compensated by the inclusion of Tasmania.

The girls from the Apple Isle have been

# NSW WOMEN TO HOST US TEAM

THE NSW Women's Soccer Federation is to act as host to a squad of women's Soccer players from the USA.

It has been arranged through the "Sports for Understanding" organisation of America.

On behalf of the AWSA, the NSW Federation will host the US girls from July 25 to August 25.

Negotiations have been going on since early in January.

There will be approximately 20 girls between 14 and 18 years participating. They will be coming from all States of America, and the girls will be placed with host families in NSW.

A comprehensive itinerary has been drawn up by the NSW co-ordinator.

For three days, there will be a live-in coaching clinic for the squad.

During this time, the NSW Under 17 team will accompany the US girls for their training camp routine.

During their visit,

games have been arranged for the visitors, and associations within the Federation have vied for the right to entertain the girls.

Ron Coughey, the host co-ordinator, said the importance of the trip that "Sports for Understanding" has placed on this trip is the number of coaches coming with the American girls.

Mr Coughey is the senior vice-president of the NSW women's Federation and has wide experience in administration.

Bob Russ is the United States coach coming to Australia. He is the head women's Soccer coach for the California State University.

Bob has had 21 years of experience coaching Soccer both at university and high school levels. He is an excellent leader of youth groups of all ages.

Ruthy Deer, a player-

coach for youth teams and programme in North Carolina, is the United States assistant coach. She has had extensive international experience both in Soccer and cultural programs.

The executive director for "Sports for Understanding", Daniel G. Tripp, informed Ron Coughey that the programme had generated so much interest in the USA that over 900 individual enquiries had been made.

Preliminary negotiations for a return visit to the USA have already begun.

Mr Coughey told me that with a visit of this nature from the all-American women's Soccer group, it would be necessary for all associations in the NSW Federation to co-operate and coordinate their activities to make the visitors welcome.



Manly-Warringah player Lee Dunbar starts an attack in the New Caledonia Cup

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LIAM BRADY

## BRADY GOES

SAMPDORIA's plan to sell Irish international Liam Brady to Verona has misfired ... because Brady is not interested.

Sampdoria are asking \$2,000,000 for the former Arsenal star.

Brady is keen to join Inter Milan and they would like him, in fact he is reported to have

signed already for the club. With Karl Heinz Rummenigge and Brady in their side, Inter should be a power in next season's Italian League.

## VIOLENCE ERUPTS IN SPAIN

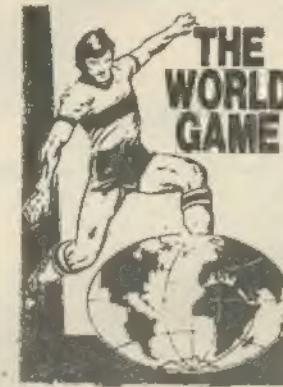
FOOTBALL in Spain has always been fairly violent but it seems it is getting even worse these days.

The terrible scenes at the end of the Barcelona — Bilbao Cup Final were a blot on the name of Spanish sportsmanship. The beautiful Bernabeu Stadium suffered \$80,000 worth of damage in after-match rioting.

Work to repair the damage had to be interrupted so the League cup tie between Real and Atletico could be played on the ground.

It was another shocker. Atletico finished with only eight men. Five players were sent off during the game and another eight were given the yellow card.

The unfortunate referee in the middle of all this was Urizar Azpitarte. Result of the "fight" was a 0-0 draw.



## USSR, ENGLAND END POOR YEAR

WHEN Russia played England at Wembley recently — winning 2-0 — people asked why such a meaningless friendly fixture needed to be added to an already too long English season.

The answer is ... the game was arranged one year ago when it was expected to be used as a warm-up for both teams for the European Championship.

But England failed to qualify. So did Russia.

When the match was

fixed, it showed both nations were planning sensibly and well ahead.

Incidentally, England boss Bobby Robson was not "punished" for failing to get his team into Europe. But the Soviet team manager was.

Valery Lojanovsky's

"reward" for Russia's failure was to be kicked out and, at Wembley, the Soviet squad was handled by a coach who was supposed to have taken the team to the Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Of course, the USSR boycotted the Olympics.

SERGINHO, Brazil's international forward, has refused to re-sign for his club, Santos.

He has even returned his \$48,000 signing-on fee to Santos to make sure they get the message!

BOCA JUNIORS of Argentina have a new coach. He's Brazilian Dino Sani, a man with a very big reputation in South America. Sani replaces Miguel Lopez.

WEST GERMAN international Bernd Schuster is wanted in France, with Olympique Marseille leading the bidding.

Schuster is not the easiest of players to handle and his club, Barcelona, would probably be happy to see him leave.

## EUROPE LEAGUE IS PLANNED

HOW about a European Common Market Football League?

It is being mooted, with the best teams in all Common Market nations playing every Wednesday night in a genuine European League.

The proposal comes from West Germany, but it is fraught with many problems which would make it difficult to implement.

Most European clubs are already overloaded with too many games, so how could a completely new League be fitted in ... and how would players handle 90 or more matches a year?

It's an interesting suggestion but hardly workable at the moment.

## NASL CRASHES WAGES SLASHED

THINGS are getting pretty desperate in the USA as Soccer skids downhill from its affluent days.

There are now only nine teams in the North American Soccer League, which once boasted 24 clubs spread through the USA and Canada.

The USA Soccer Federation now wants to



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slash players wages by 15 per cent but if this happens, there will be angry reaction from the players.

It is suggested that each club will be permitted to bring in up to six foreigners every year for the next three years.

This seems a backward step if the United States is still serious about making Soccer attractive to the locals. Young local talent will again be squeezed out to make places for the imports.

EVERY player has his price — so the wise folk claim.

This is not strictly true when we discuss the marvellous Brazilian, Zico, who has been such a big hit with Italy's Udinese.

Udinese president Lamberto Mazza said that, even if he was offered \$100,000,000 for the player, Zico would not be sold.

"Zico is worth that figure to our club," said Mazza, which means he simply cannot be bought.

Udinese have had offers from many clubs for Zico — one even offering six top first teamers in exchange for one Zico.

Lamberto Mazza added: "I have told all the clubs that money could

never replace Zico and neither could any six players. Zico is worth his weight in gold."



ZICO

# CHELSEA IN THE QUEUE FOR CRAIG

CHELSEA are very anxious to sign Australian Craig Johnston from Liverpool but they will have to out-bid several clubs to get him.

Other Johnston-lovers include Newcastle United, Paris St Germain, Sporting Lisbon and Sunderland.

Despite his very successful year at Anfield, there always seem to be some doubts at Liverpool about the boy's claims to a regular berth.

At Chelsea, Johnston would have as his manager a man who knows him thoroughly and respects him.

The Chelsea boss is John Neal, who was manager of Middlesbrough when Craig was making his name with that club.

Neal visualises Johnston as the ideal player to consolidate the London club's First Division status.

Yet another club is keen to sign Johnston... his present club, Liverpool.

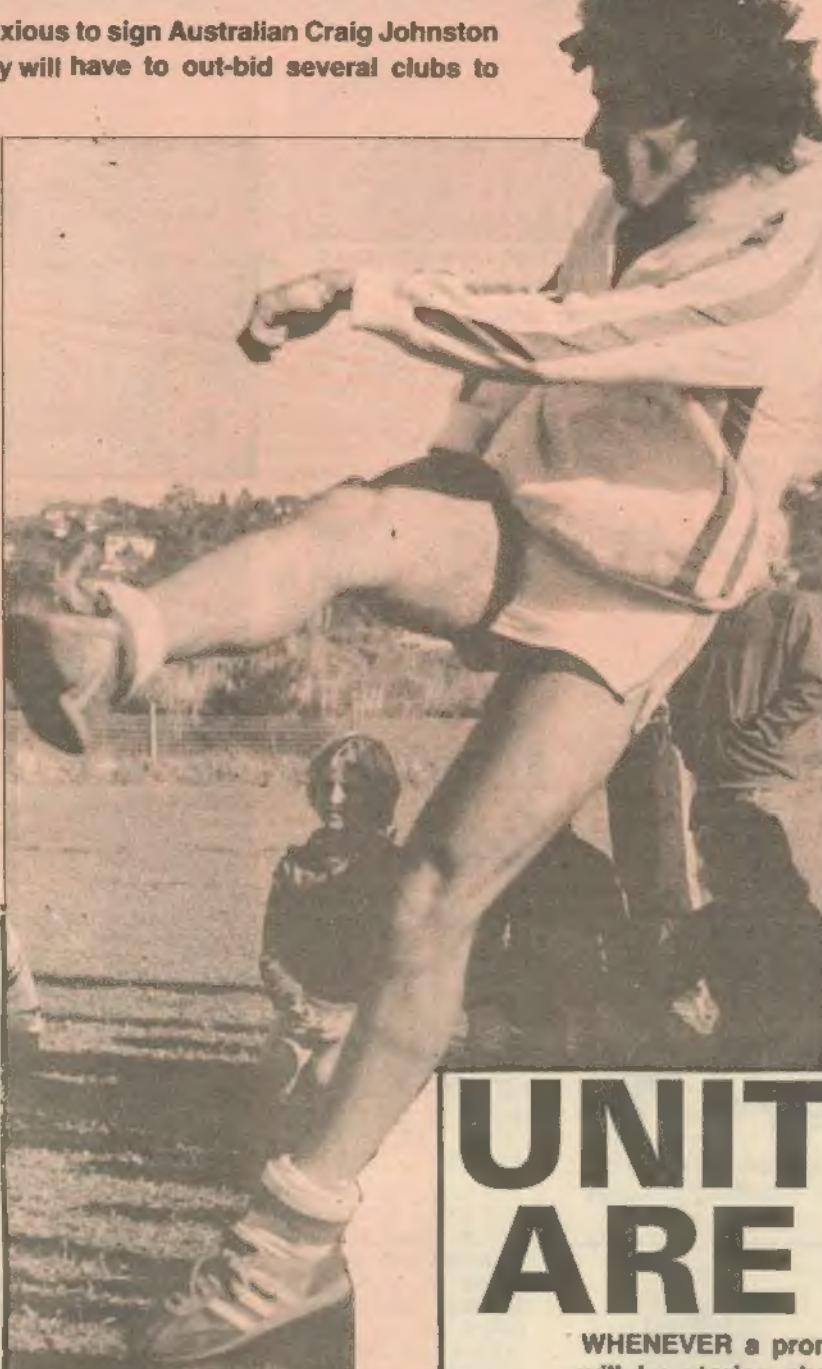
The Aussie fancies playing in Europe but would prefer to stay in the UK for a year or two.

## STEVE READY TO GO

STEVE ARCHIBALD is the latest British player to go on the shopping list of Italian clubs.

The Spurs and Scotland striker is tipped to move to Verona, the club which had hoped to get Liam Brady.

Verona would pay \$1,500,000 for Archibald.



## UP AND DOWN FORM FROM ENGLAND

IT'S difficult to see much logic in England's recent results — because consistency is not the team's strong point.

Bobby Robson's men played very well against Scotland, using attacking plans and two orthodox wingers in John Barnes and Mark Chamberlain.

Then came the 0-2 home flop against the Soviet Union, which put the Englishmen in the worst possible mood to take on Brazil in Rio.

What happened? England had a surprise 2-0 victory in Maracana.

After the defeat by Russia, the knives were again out for Bobby Robson.

The Wembley fans chanted "Robson out" and booed the players after the game.

"I'm sad to leave Rangers after four great years but this offer from Barcelona was too good to turn down," said Harris before resigning from the London club.

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## ALLAN JOINS TERRY

ALLAN HARRIS has gone to Barcelona as assistant to new team manager Terry Venables.

The pair were together at Queens Park Rangers and at Crystal Palace, so it was to be expected that Harris would follow his boss to Spain.

But the English boss got first hit at the media when he said: "If you are going to ask me about my job, I won't answer!"

"We are in a learning, transitional period which takes time. It

doesn't help if people widen the cracks into big gaps.

"We are going to

Brazil with faith, hope and fight."

That seems a useful midfield!

## DAVIES WANTS CASH

GORDON DAVIES, with 125 goals in 270 games for Fulham, looks like leaving the club.

He cost Fulham only \$8,000 when they bought him from Merthyr Tydfil and has since played 14 times for Wales.

"I have given Fulham good service over the past six years," said Davies, "but if the club cannot come up with much better terms, I'll have to move on. I have my wife and family to think of."

If Davies does switch clubs, he would not have to travel far to be welcomed by another club — Queens Park Rangers.



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JOHN CHIEDOZIE

## LUTON WANT CHIEDOZIE

JOHN CHEDOZIE will have a good choice of clubs if, and when, he leaves Notts County.

The Nigerian has had his name linked with at least six top teams.

Luton Town, flush with money after the

sale of Paul Walsh to Liverpool, are keen to sign Chedozie.

Now a club, right on Notts County's doorstep, is also showing in-

terest.

That club is Nottingham Forest, who have just returned from their Australian tour.

## UNITED'S EYES ARE ON REGIS

WHENEVER a prominent player is up for sale, it seems inevitable that there will be stories about Manchester United buying him!

Latest star to fall into this category is West Brom's centre-

forward Cyrille Regis.

The big black man, at 26, is possibly the best

striker investment any club could make and United boss Ron Atkinson knows his ability inside out.

Atkinson used to be at West Brom where he did a lot to lift Regis into the big-time.

Albion manager Johnny

Giles is ready to accept the right offer for Regis but the figure will not be less than \$800,000.

It is a big fee but the Old Trafford club is not short of money, having picked up more than \$2,000,000 from AC Milan for Ray Wilkins.



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